



ST. JOSEPH BY-THE-SEA HIGH SCHOOL
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Dear Parents:

March is the month traditionally reserved by the Church to honor St. Joseph, since his feast falls on March 19th. This devotion is a matter of particular importance to us as he is our patron and in that he was the head of the Holy Family. Fathers, in particular, should cultivate devotion to Saint Joseph, whom God Himself chose to care for His Son. This year St. Joseph's Day falls on Wednesday, March 19 so we will have mass for our student body. As always, confessions are available prior to mass.

Ash Wednesday falls on Wednesday, March 5 this year. As always, we are offering many opportunities for spiritual growth to our students during Lent. Homerooms, teams, and clubs are scheduled to attend the 7:30 AM daily mass – the schedule will be posted on the school calendar. We are also doing Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 2:45 PM in the Chapel. The whole school will view *The Passion of the Christ* in the final week prior to Holy Week.

This year's Spring Musical *Shrek* is well underway. This year Spotlight Theater is producing the show with more than fifty of our students directly involved in the production and many other students who are less directly involved. Opening night is Thursday, March 27th at 7:30 PM and continues Friday, March 28th at 7:30 PM, and Saturday, March 29th at 2:00 PM.

You will all be receiving invitations to the Annual St. Joseph by-the-Sea Pillar Fund Dinner at the Old Bermuda Inn on Thursday, April 10th. This year's honorees are Dr. Theodore Strange, who will be receiving our highest honor with the Founders Award, Mr. Sal Adragna '89, Susan Lapetina Angelico '93, and Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Kathleen Ferman. We will also be honoring Students of Excellence from the Class of 2025. I certainly hope you can make it. Tickets are available on our website as well as at the school 718.984.6500 x5324.

Finally, please DO NOT do a U-Turn in the crosswalk after dropping your student off – it poses a danger to students in the crosswalk.

May God grant you and your family a grace-filled Lent, a prayerful Holy Week, and a joyful Easter!

Faithfully In Christ,

Fr. Michael Reilly
Principal