



ST. JOSEPH BY-THE-SEA HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents:

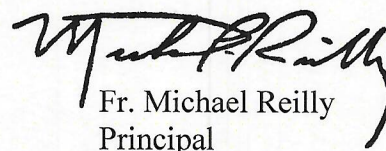
The month of April is traditionally observed as the Month of the Holy Spirit, because it is usually during this month that we solemnly observe Holy Week followed by the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection in Easter. This year, Holy Week comes very late with Easter falling on Sunday, April 20. Students will return to school Monday, April 27. Summer school information will be posted on Canvas – please take that information into account when you are planning for the summer.

I am proud to report that our students will view *The Passion of the Christ* prior to Holy Week. It has always served as an excellent preparation for Holy Week and has often inspired many confessions. Meanwhile, large numbers of students have been attending Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 2:45 P.M. Also during Lent, we have been raising money for persecuted Christians in the Middle East and Ukraine and as a result of the generosity and efforts of our students, we hope to be able to deliver approximately nearly \$20,000 to Catholic Near East Welfare Association (cnewa.org), which directly helps suffering Christians in the Middle East and Ukraine. Likewise, our Band and Choir will be presenting an Easter Concert on Wednesday, April 30 at 7:30 PM in Gaffney Auditorium – hopefully you can join us.

Of course this month we will be honoring Dr. Theodore Strange with the Founders Award, our Teacher of Excellence Mrs. Kathleen Ferman, distinguished alumni. and our Students of Excellence at our First Annual Pillar Fund Dinner on Thursday, April 11th. It is not too late to purchase tickets by calling the school at 718.984.6500 x5324 or at www.josephsea.org.

Wishing you a joyful and prayerful Easter Season, I am

Faithfully In Christ,


Fr. Michael Reilly
Principal