

# St. Mary's Catholic School

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## HOLY WEEK BEGINS THIS SUNDAY!

The Holiest week of the year is about to begin where we celebrate and enter into the events that accomplished our salvation through the sacrificial love of Jesus for us! **You are invited!**

<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>St. Mary's, Chester</b>	<b>Mass 10:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>St. Mary's, Ellis Grove</b>	<b>Dinner 5:00 P.M.</b> <b>Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7:00 P.M.</b> <b>Rosary after Mass</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>St. Joseph's, PdR</b>	<b>Services 7:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>St. Mary's, Chester</b>	<b>Easter Vigil Mass 7:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>St. Mary's, Chester</b>	<b>Mass 10:00 A.M.</b>

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL . . .

On March 25th every year - nine months ahead of December 25th - we celebrate one of the most important events of history: The Word became Flesh - the Son of God became human - Jesus was conceived of Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit! It was on this day that Mary gave her total "yes" to God and cooperated with His plan so that the Savior could come into the world. Mary is the perfect disciple of her Son and shows us how to be open to saying "yes" to God's plan for us.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK



### Meet St. Joseph

- My Feast Day: March 19
- I am the patron saint of fathers, carpenters/workers, the Universal Church, and the dying.
- I was a righteous man from the line of King David betrothed to the Virgin Mary.
- When Mary conceived Jesus by the Holy Spirit, I resolved to divorce her quietly according to Jewish customs of our day, but an angel of the Lord intervened and told me Jesus was the Son of God and that I was to take Mary into my home.
- I remained steadfast to Mary and Jesus and cared for the Holy Family to the utmost, in spite of the terrors of King Herod's jealousy.
- I was a carpenter and taught Jesus the trade.
- Tradition says that I died before Jesus began His public ministry and that Mary and Jesus were with me in my final moments, which is why I am invoked for divine assistance at the hour of death.
- I am a powerful intercessor, particularly against temptation. Because of my purity as the Most Chaste Spouse of the Virgin Mary, I am the Terror of Demons.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT SMS ON FRIDAY AT 8:15 A.M.**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27th - 1:30 P.M. DISMISSAL - BUS IS NOT AVAILABLE**

**KC'S AND PTO FISH FRY THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 27th, 5 - 7:30 P. M.**

**DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE - THIS SATURDAY, MARCH 28th**

See the flyer for more information about the SMS PTO dance: "Denim & Diamonds."

**UNIFORM SHORTS - GENTLY USED UNIFORMS**

Uniform shorts are allowed to be worn starting next Monday, March 30th. As a reminder, if you would like to inquire about our used uniforms, please contact the office.

**EASTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL**

Next week we will have school from Monday through Wednesday. Easter Break will be from Thursday, April 2nd through Monday, April 6th. School resumes on Tuesday, April 7th.

**MONTHLY QUILT RAFFLE - \$20**

The St. Mary's CCW is selling raffle tickets for a quilt drawing/or \$100 that benefits SMS. Please contact the school office to get your ticket.

**ST. MARY'S WEEKEND MASS TIMES:**

Saturday, 4:00 P. M.

Sunday, 10:00 A. M.

**DURING LENT:**

Stations of the Cross before the Saturday Vigil Masses (3:15 P. M.)

**UPDATE FOR LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - THURSDAY, MAY 14th 11:30 A.M. DISMISSAL**