

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, March 23, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

The Lord is with me, like a mighty champion. (Jeremiah 20:11)

“Terror, terror on every side!” That’s how Jeremiah’s enemies mimicked his words. They accused him of needlessly stirring up fear among the people by talking about God’s coming judgment. Employing the rumor mill that was part of the court in Jerusalem, they spread gossip and slander that made life dangerous for the prophet. But Jeremiah didn’t back down. He had entrusted his life to God, and he knew that God would be his champion and keep him safe.

God is indeed a mighty champion for all of us—not just in life-and-death situations like Jeremiah’s, but also in the everyday dangers that we face. He is with the mother or father who worries about keeping his or her children in line, cleaning her home, and preparing meals for her family. He is with the student struggling against peer pressure. He is with the lonely widower facing a troubling diagnosis and the prison inmate trying to change his life in often brutal

surroundings. Whatever battles we may be facing, God is our champion. He is ready to fight for us and defend us.

Sometimes, though, it’s hard to ask the Lord for help. We have been so conditioned by life to think we have to fight all by ourselves. We are told that religion is just a crutch and that we should be strong enough to handle whatever comes our way. Or we have been told that it’s normal to live with a certain level of anxiety and worry and that only naïve fools are happy all the time. We should just grow up and get used to our problems because life is unfair, and there’s nothing we can do about it.

Don’t listen to these voices! You have a God in heaven who cares for you and wants to do good for you. He is very near to you. He’s just waiting for you to call on him. A true champion, he will take up your cause and give you his grace, his wisdom, and his insights to help you through every challenge. You don’t have to walk this path alone!

“I love you, O Lord, my strength . . . my rock, my fortress, my deliverer!” (Psalm 18:2-3).

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Edgar Nieto and Carlyne Tootle today! Vincent DeStazio will celebrate his birthday this weekend.
- ★ Today is the last day for Pennies for Patients, so please be generous and donate to this wonderful cause! Student Council will collect teachers' boxes this afternoon for final counting. Remember, the class with the most money will receive a pasta party from Olive Garden during their lunch. All teachers whose classes raise over \$300 will receive a deep-clean of their classrooms. Last year we raised over \$3000; let's try to beat it!
- ★ Juniors and seniors, if you would like to request an outside guest for prom, the form is due to Mr. Buckley by Tuesday, April 10. You may download the outside guest form from the "Student Life" page of the website or pick

up a copy from Mrs. Collier at the front desk. Outside guests must be enrolled in a local high school in tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade and in good standing at his or her current school.

- ★ The Boys and Girls Golf Teams will be hosting a fundraiser at Newk's at the Promenade this coming Monday evening. The teams will receive 10% of all sales from 5- 8:00. The money will help our teams as we hopefully advance to the State Championships to represent our school. So, please, go enjoy a great dinner and help support a great cause.
- ★ The staff of Aisling would like to thank everyone who has submitted their work so far. Once again, we are so impressed with the talent and creativity that our students have and share. Tonight is the deadline for you to submit your work for the next issue. You may submit online or give it directly to a staff member or Mr. Hewes in room 105.
- ★ FCA members are reminded to turn in your Easter basket by next Thursday.
- ★ Coach Dellenger reminds all junior high track members to be at practice on Monday to get ready for the junior high track meet on Tuesday.
- ★ In yesterday's track meet at Long Beach, top Irish finishers were...
 - Kendall Pitre - first in pole vault
 - Olivia Leatherman - fourth in pole vault
 - Bricen Rivers - fourth in long jump
 - Jonathan Galle - seventh in triple jump
 - Leila Ransonet - eighth in triple jump
 - Isabel Leatherman - second in 3200m and third in 800m
 - Jordan Pete - third in 3200m and third in 1600m
 - Cade Meyers - fourth in 1600m (PR time) and seventh in 800m
 - Dylan Middleton - seventh in 1600m (PR time)
 - Gabbi Patino - third in 400m and fourth in 200m
- ★ *Tenebrae* is Latin for “darkness.” On Holy Thursday night, from 11 p.m. until midnight, St. Alphonsus Church will pray and sing the office of *Tenebrae*. Based upon the liturgy of the hours, and using Psalms, Lamentations, and the gradual extinguishing of candles, we will commemorate the passion and death of our Lord. All are welcome to join.