


St. Rose School

CHELSEA, MA

November 3, 2011

Dear Families,


We celebrated a beautiful Mass on Tuesday in honor of All Saints Day. Father Moran reminded us that like us, the saints came from many different places, spoke different languages, and looked different. What they all had in common was that they loved God, they said “yes” to God, and they were willing to do whatever they had to in order to do God’s will. In that way, they are a great source of hope and inspiration for us. Consider reading about one saint each night as a family and talking about how you can learn from his/her life. One great website is: <http://www.loyolapress.com/saints.htm> . It goes along with our religion books, and is “kid-friendly.” As always, there are wonderful things happening at St. Rose. Please read on:

 NO SCHOOL: Next week, there will be no school on Tuesday, November 8 due to Election Day. Our school is a polling place for the City of Chelsea. Please vote if you are able. This is a great event to take your child to, as well, and an opportunity to explain how voting is an important way for you to have a say in what happens in your community! Additionally, there will be no school on Friday, Nov. 11 due to Veterans Day (read more below).

October Character Awards: Congratulations to the following students, who were chosen by their teachers for showing *citizenship* during the month of October: Keyshla Perez (K1), Cali Meho (K2), Troy Irizarry (1), Lelani Estrella (2), Natalie Coreas (3), Hannah Cormier and Timothy Tran (4), Eric Santos (5), Esteban Serrano (6), Michelle Balcarcel (7), and Cindy Bosque (8).

Veterans’ Day: Next Friday, November 11, is Veterans Day. Although we have the day off from school, it is important for us to take time to remember and honor all of those who have served our country and dedicated their lives to protecting our freedom. Mr. Richard Honan (husband of reading teacher Mrs. Honan) came to school yesterday to talk to students in Grades 1-3 about his experience as a veteran and the work he does with Winthrop Chamber of Commerce to send regular care packages to veterans in Iraq and Afghanistan. He asked if we would be willing to write letters to these soldiers so that he can put them in their care packages. This is a project we will work on this month. Additionally, we are going to put names of veterans on stars on a Wall of Honor outside the office. We will remember these people during our prayers each day. Please send in names of friends or family members who are veterans and we will be sure to include them!



 Winter Weather: Last weekend’s surprise snowstorm made me realize that you just never know what to expect when it comes to New England weather! A few reminders: unless it is pouring rain, we will not open the front doors until 7:30, so please do not come (or drop off your children) earlier than that. All children need to dress for the weather, with a coat, a hat, gloves, and a scarf. They go outside for recess, gym, and other occasions, and need to be prepared! If your child does not have these items, please let Ms. Keeton know and she will try to see if she can find them for him/her. If it snows and you think there is a possibility that we won’t have school, tune in to Channel 4 (WBZ), Channel 7, Channel 5 (WCVB) or Fox 25 and look for St. Rose Elementary. I will call in as soon as I make a decision. All decisions are made based on the likelihood that teachers and students can get to school safely.

New Roman Missal Changes: You have probably heard by now that some parts of the Mass will be changing beginning on Sunday, November 27, the first Sunday of Advent. These changes are an attempt to get closer to the original Latin missal, and are more literal translations. Those of you who speak

Spanish will notice that the new words are very similar to what you say in Spanish. In an attempt to help us to all understand this transition, I would like to share a few changes with you each week during November. This week, the changes I would like to highlight are: the greeting, the penitential act, and the Gloria.

Old Way:

Greeting:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Penitential Act:

I confess to almighty God
And to you, my brothers and sisters,
That I have sinned through my own fault,
In my thoughts and in my words,
In what I have done,
And in what I have failed to do;
And I ask the blessed Mary, ever virgin,
All the angels and saints,
And you, my brothers and sisters,
To pray for me to the Lord, our God.

Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
Only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
Receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

New Way:

Greeting:

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Penitential Act:

I confess to almighty God
And to you, my brothers and sisters,
That I have greatly sinned
In my thoughts and in my words,
In what I have done
And in what I have failed to do,
Through my fault, through my fault,
Through my most grievous fault,
Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
All the Angels and Saints,
And you, my brothers and sisters,
To pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
We glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world, receive our
prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
Have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

NO AFTER SCHOOL: Please note that there will be no After School Program on Friday, December 2 due to the Christmas Festival. Please make arrangements to have your child picked up at 2:15 that day. Thank you.



Thanksgiving: Please note on November's calendar that we will NOT have school on Wednesday, November 23. Originally we were going to have a half day, but we have decided to cancel school on that day to allow everyone time for travel and family preparations. Please plan accordingly.

Table of Remembrance: Every year, the Church designates the month of November as a time to honor those who have died. As a school, we will have a table in the front lobby, which will be our Table of Remembrance. We invite you to send in pictures, prayer cards, and other mementos of loved ones who have died. Please put their name and your child's name on the back so that we know who to return them to at the end of the month! Thank you.



Uniform Update: If you have old uniforms at home that your child can no longer wear, please send them in. We keep some old uniforms in different sizes so that we can give them to children who have accidents at school or come to school without the proper uniform. On that note, we have been sending home a lot of uniform alerts. It is expected that ALL students will come to school every day with the proper uniform. If your child comes to school without the proper uniform, you should expect a phone call requesting that you bring the proper uniform to school for your child. Wearing the proper uniform is part of being ready for school each day.



St. Rose on Facebook: St. Rose School is officially on **Facebook!** Check it out at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Rose-School/174719982596857>. Our plan is to use this page as a tool to keep you informed and share pictures and good news throughout the year. Thanks to those of you who have already found the page and started interacting with it!

Communication via Email: If you would like to receive the newsletter and other information via **email**, please go to www.strosechelsea.com/contact/emailsignup.html and enter your information. We will gladly begin keeping you informed electronically! Please ask Ms. Keeton if you have any questions.



Mark Your Calendar!: The Annual St. Rose School **Christmas Festival** will be held on December 2-3, 2011. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we really need everyone's help! Please think about what you can do to help, and fill out the attached flyer. We need all flyers back by next Thursday!

Family Literacy Day: This Saturday, November 5 is Family Literacy Day at the Chelsea Public Library! Check it out! Also, the MA Adult Literacy Hotline provides referrals to over 300 adult education programs that offer tutoring and instruction for adult learners, including English classes. If you are interested, please call 1-800-447-8844 for more information.

Lunches: Please see attached letter to order the **school lunch** for your child for the week of November 7-11. Please note that since there is no school on Tuesday or Friday, the cost is less than normal. You need to send this form back in each week, even if you receive free lunch, or if you are choosing not to get lunch this week for our records. Thank you.



BrainPOP: Don't forget to use it at home! www.brainpop.com. Our username is: strosechelsea and our password is: 580broadway.

Box Tops: Don't forget to save your **Box Tops!** Please tear them off of products you buy and use at home. They help our school to raise money! Thank you!



Blessings,

Caitlin Keeton, Principal