



# SAIN<sup>+</sup> MARK CATHOLIC ACADEMY

*A guiding light for children today.*

March 10, 2021

Dear Families:

As I write to you now, the birds are chirping and the sun is shining; warmer weather is on the horizon, and spring is right around the corner. As the calendar progresses, however, and the seasons change, we are coming up on a very unique anniversary. This Saturday marks one year since our school building closed, and Saint Mark Catholic Academy made a complete transition to remote learning.

So much has happened since March 13, 2020. We all have suffered some type of loss, some of us more significantly than others. Despite this, we have also gained something, too. We've gained a new appreciation for the simpler aspects of life—visiting loved ones, sitting in a classroom with friends, eating in a restaurant with family, or enjoying a conversation with a colleague. It's now clear that we should always appreciate the “simpler things,” and while it took a pandemic to make us realize this, let's never lose sight of the truly important things in our lives.

Next week, we celebrate the feast days of two of the more prominent saints in the Church, Saint Patrick and Saint Joseph. Of course, we associate Saint Patrick's Day with Irish culture and St. Joseph with the Italian culture, but I, along with a few other members of the St. Mark community, have a special connection with the feast of St. Joseph.

Did you know that seven members of our school community are either alumni or current students at St. Joseph's College here in Brooklyn? Next week, we'll let you know who they all are. In the meantime, I'd like share with you the special plan we have in place for St. Joseph's Day this year...

Last March, Joseph Lewinger, a St. Joseph's College alumnus and assistant principal at The Mary Louis Academy, lost his battle with COVID-19. I have a special connection to Mr. Lewinger. Prior to coming to St. Mark, I worked with Joe's mom, Rosemarie, in the institutional advancement office of St. Joseph's College. To honor his memory, the College has established the Joseph M. Lewinger '00 Scholarship for Future Educators. All of the proceeds from the dress down day we have on March 19<sup>th</sup> will be donated to that scholarship fund!

Have a great week and enjoy the simpler things and the warmer weather that lies ahead!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Wilson  
Principal

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# MARCH DRESS DOWN DAYS!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

**DRESS GREEN DAY**

**FREE!**

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

**ST. JOSEPH'S DAY FUNDRAISER**

**\$5**

Please send in dress down money in a clearly labeled envelope with your child's name and grade.  
Please submit \$5 in advance by Thursday, March 18th.



Although it is a dress down day, students are reminded to dress with modesty. Students should adhere to the following attire as described in the

## **Parent-Student Handbook:**

- Appropriate length skirt, shorts or dress – no shorter than 3" above the knees
- No torn or tight jeans or pants
- No spaghetti strap tanks, midriffs, tube tops, etc.
- No logo type T-shirts
- No hats (unless specifically designated)
- No loose/baggy pants or shorts
- No make-up or nail polish (including gels/French manicures)
- No hoop earrings or excessive jewelry
- No jeggings, leggings or skinny jeans

**Parents will be called to bring a change of clothes for students who do not adhere to these regulations.**