

Saint Anthony's High School

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Dear Saint Anthony's High School Family,

Welcome to the Month of March. The Book of Ecclesiastics tells us that there is a time and purpose for everything. With this thought in mind, I can safely tell you that March has something for everyone.

It is a month to Celebrate. We start with our Alumni Hall of Fame. This year we honor Mrs. Nancy Kennedy, Chairperson of the English Department, Brother Robert Gabriel, Longtime Academic Dean and presently Master of Liturgical Ceremonies, Kaylie Howard LaLota'96 and Congressman Nick LaLota'96, two very proud graduates of Saint Anthony's High School. These four individuals have quite a legacy here at school thus it is so fitting that we honor them as we induct each into our Alumni Hall of Fame. March continues as we honor our Junior Class with their special Ring Day Liturgy and Junior Banquet. If you are looking for a night of fun and fellowship, be sure to stop by at the Mothers' Guild Casino Night, it promises to be a Great Night.

Amidst all of these celebrations, there is Time set aside for prayer and reflection. Our students will continue with class retreats. There will be TWO All School Reconciliation Services, Daily liturgies focused on the season of Lent, a Faculty/Staff afternoon retreat and the Mothers Guild Day of Recollection. There are also opportunities for Christian service including our annual Soup Day for the needy on Long Island and the NHS Blood Drive. The month is also a time to Honor Great Feasts- the Feast of Saint Patrick and the Solemnities of the Annunciation and Saint Joseph.

There is Time for our Academic pursuits this month. There are Placement exams for our incoming Freshmen, the class of 2028. For those who missed the January Course selection day, a Make-up day is set for afternoon of March 5. Our present students are working hard toward the end of the third marking period and, believe it or not, it is time for our Annual College Fair on March 12. There will be many Colleges and Universities present here on campus to inform our students where they can continue their academic pursuits.

If all of this is not enough, there is Time for our extracurricular activities to shine. We will honor our Winter Varsity athletes with a special awards night and usher in the Spring Sports season as well. You will be able to catch the Celtic Friar Band and Color Guard marching all over Long Island and up Fifth Avenue in New York City celebrating the traditions of Irish Heritage. Last, but certainly not least, our Theatre Program will present *The Sound of Music.* I know you will not want to miss any of these great moments.

Finally, the most important week of the Month of March is **HOLY WEEK.** The culmination of the Lenten Season. These Holy Days allow us to partake in the great traditions of our church as we celebrate the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

With all that is going on in our world, Holy Week comes at a most important time. I ask that each of us use these glorious days to pray, reflect and give thanks for all of the blessings that we have. On a personal note, I am most grateful for the gift that each of you are to me. I often tell others about your goodness, your generous hearts, your countless hours of service and your ability to share your talents with so many. Please know my gratitude for all you do. My hope is that you will afford yourself the time to partake in the many beautiful church services at your local parish.

As we all celebrate the Feast of Easter on March 31, may we continue to marvel at the wonders of our God, who sent His Only Begotten Son to Redeem us. God Bless you, your families and your friends in a most special way, *HAPPY EASTER TO ALL OF YOU, and REMEMBER ESPECAILLY ON EASTER SUNDAY, THAT BROTHER LOVES YA!*

In Saint Anthony, Our Patron,

Broles David Custing, OS)