

January 2020

Dear Parents:

This year we will continue our Rosary Club - "**nest of prayer**" like those inspired by Padre Pio of Pietrelcina and Padre Pio Delle Piane. These two friends believed that "the children will save the world" through prayer groups. They felt that Our Lady who appeared to the three children in Fatima was calling us to ask children to pray the rosary and make small sacrifices for the conversion of sinners. In 1973 Father Andrew D'Ascanto acted on both Padre Pios' requests and began the first "Legion of Peace". On this hundredth anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady at Fatima I would like to answer their call and form "**Our Lady's Rosary Club**".

"Why is the word "nest" used?

What is a nest? It is a place where little birds are nourished and taken care of by their parents until they put on wings and are able to fly and provide for their own survival.

The example of the birds introduces us to the delicate and precious world of children who must receive help from their parents and educators in order to "grow and become stronger in spirit" (Lk 1,80) so that they can be free to fly in God's kingdom." © Armata bianca 2017

**1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grades will meet on Thursday afternoons from 3:05 to 4:00.** We will begin by praying the rosary in the chapel before the Blessed Sacrament and follow the format of the Legion of Peace.

**The format will be as follows:**

**Students should bring a snack to eat right after school. Then we will walk to the chapel and do the following:**

- 1. Prayer petitions-** the children can offer their prayer petitions for friends, family, conversion of sinners, etc.
- 2. The Rosary-** then they will recite the rosary participating by leading each decade.
- 3. The Litany of the Blessed Virgin-** will then be recited by all.
- 4. Renewal of the Consecration Prayers-** these are prayers to the Father, to Mary and the Guardian Angel.
- 5. The Three Fatima Prayers:** The Angel's Prayer, The Pardon Prayer and the Eucharistic Prayer.
- 6. Sing a Song**
- 7. Children can share their sacrifices and penances.**

Finally I will take them back to school and, if there is time, tell them something about a saint.

Students will be provided with the prayers we will say, and they can bring their own rosary. Parents are also welcome. I encourage you to come and pray with us. The children will be the main participants. Thank you for your help, and I hope you and Our Lady encourages your children to join. Please return the attached form.

Sincerely,

Lita Silva

**Rosary Club** will begin next **Thursday, January 23, from 3:05 to 4:00**. Students are expected to follow the format of the Rosary Club. If your child decides to participate, please pick up him/her promptly at 4:00. If you have a problem picking your child up please notify the office. We understand that sometimes there are unforeseen problems that arise, but if you are not on time your child will be sent to aftercare and charged.

Parent: I agree to support and encourage my student to follow the guidelines/format of the Rosary Club and I understand that if I or my child does not comply with the guidelines, the student will not be permitted to attend the Rosary Club.

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Parent Signature	Date	Student Signature	Date
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Complete the form below if your child would like to participate. Students from **first to eighth grade** are welcome. Use this form and have your child give it to Mrs. Conroy. She will collect the forms, so just leave them at her desk. If you have any further questions about the club, please do not hesitate to call me: **Lita Silva at school or at 240-380-4280** which is my cell phone. The form must be in before your child to be able to stay after school. If they send it in later than next Wed. they can still join but can only come the following week.

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**REGISTRATION FOR ROSARY CLUB**  
Proctored by Sra. Silva

I give \_\_\_\_\_ permission to participate in Rosary club.

My child is in \_\_\_\_\_ grade.

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

My child should go to aftercare after Rosary Club. Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

Adults Authorized to Pick Up \_\_\_\_\_

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