



The Principal's Spotlight

Saint Anne School – Fair Lawn, NJ
November 2017

“You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest. The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain. They shout and sing for joy.” These lines from Psalm 65 are a good Thanksgiving reflection this month. While none of us can claim we live in an area where fields are garmented with flocks and valleys blanketed with grain, we do live in a lush area, replete with everything we need. God has been good to us. How often do we return the thanks or the favor to God? I have become accustomed to using the phrase “Thanks be to God” whenever someone shares good news with me. I wonder if they think that’s an appropriate response. Once in a while, someone will look a little taken aback and acknowledge my phrase as valid. It IS thanks to God that good things happen to us. God is, after all, the GOOD Shepherd. In my life as well as in yours, there have been many incidents where God helped us to make everything turn out okay. Maybe it was with his gift of patience or wisdom or compassion. Whatever it was, things turned out okay because we let God “do his thing”. When we cooperate with God, our “paths overflow with a rich harvest”. Then we can truly “shout and sing for joy”. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!

November 1 is All Saints Day. It is a holy day of obligation. Please join us for mass at 8:45 AM.

Daylight Savings Time ends on November 5. Don’t forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night.

We wish good luck to our 8th graders who will take their Co-Op High School Entrance Exam on November 10. They are well prepared and I am confident they will do well.

The first trimester ends on November 22. Be on the lookout for the Parent-Teacher report card conference sign-up form. Conference times will be scheduled for after school on November 29, in the evening on November 30, and in the morning on December 1 to accommodate every parent's schedule.

Our third graders will prepare our Thanksgiving mass for us on November 21 at 8:45 A.M. Please join us as we thank the Lord for all good gifts.

St. Anne School will close at 12:15 P.M. on November 22 for the Thanksgiving weekend. Classes resume on November 27.

I know you join me in bidding a fond farewell and Happy Retirement to our head of maintenance, Mr. Emilio Mendoza. Mr. Emilio will be leaving us on November 27 to begin a well-deserved retirement with his family. For all he has done for us and meant to us, we wish him many years of good health and happiness as he begins this next phase of life!

