



*Mission Statement*

*Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, serving students in the eight sponsoring parishes of the region in grades pre-kindergarten to eight, is dedicated to excellence in education by developing life-long learners and leaders. We foster a faith-filled environment in partnership with families, emphasizing reverence, respect, and personal responsibility in the traditional spirit of Christian teaching.*

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Our blessing cup is a communion with Blood of Christ.  
Psalm 116 (Holy Thursday)

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.  
Psalm 31 (Good Friday)

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.  
Psalm 104 (Easter)



Beginning with Holy Thursday and continuing with Good Friday and culminating with the glory of Easter, Christians all over the world will observe the Sacred Triduum. On Holy Thursday, we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. On Good Friday, we venerate the Cross as we observe the Lord's Passion. The Easter Vigil begins our celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord. Each day in the Triduum holds a special significance in our story of redemption through Christ, Jesus. On Holy Thursday, we commemorate Jesus' institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood. Good Friday brings us to the reality of our sinfulness and the sacrifice that Jesus endured to bring us redemption. The Easter Vigil gives us cause to rejoice in the Resurrection of the Lord and His victory over death. We are called as Catholic Christians to attend and participate in the events of the Triduum. They are holy. They are important. They are the core of our faith.

## SACRED SILENCE

Today, Wednesday, April 17th our students and staff practiced Lenten sacrifice by observing a day of Sacred Silence. Each grade, according to age appropriate expectations, observed Sacred Silence. One might ask, "How can you observe silence and continue to teach and to learn?" Our teachers are quite innovative in their instructional delivery styles that support such an endeavor. The important lesson for our children to learn and to practice is that we should be willing to sacrifice as a form of Lenten observance.



In conjunction with our day of Sacred Silence, our eighth grade students presented the "Stations of the Cross" through shadow vignettes that depict the fourteen Stations of the Cross. This was our seventh year of this presentation and it is always a very compelling moment for our students and staff.

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School will close today, April 17th at 12:10 p.m. for Easter vacation and will resume on Monday, April 9th. The school office will also be closed during this time.

May our risen Lord continue to bless our families, fellow parishioners and the pastors and staffs of our eight supporting parishes.

Blessed Easter to all!

## **NASA VISITS MBS!**

On Tuesday, April 16, a group of engineers and interns from the NASA Facility on Wallops Island, visited grades 3 through 8 at MBS. They held an assembly and educated the students on rocket development and propulsion. Our students then constructed and launched their own water rockets. The group represented the Sounding Rocket Operations from Northrop Grumman. We appreciate NASA for sharing this program with MBS.



Meera Pascucci (grade 3)



Brayden Bosley (grade 5)

## MBS Eternity Tiles



Join our school on May 8, 2019 in leaving a legacy by creating an eternity tile. Students in grades pre-K 3 through third create tiles using their hand prints and students in grades fourth through eighth can get their creative juices flowing and create a tile with their original artwork. Families, join us for this fun event. Make one as a family or create one in memory of a dear loved one. Businesses, please consider joining our Wall of Supporters near the library. Please find the order form here: [Eternity Tiles 2019](#)

## ARTS INTEGRATION



On Monday, April 15th our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students visited the Ocean City Arts League where they viewed the art gallery, learned about Zambia and created a ceramic bowl that will be auctioned off to support Catholic Relief services.

## ATTENTION PARENTS!

The Scholastic Spring Book Fair is coming up May 6-9, 2019 and we need your help!

Click the link below to volunteer and earn FIP hours.

Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084DAFAF28A2FE3-spring>

## SUMMER/WARM WEATHER UNIFORM

The MBS uniform policy requires that students begin to wear the summer/warm weather uniform on APRIL 29th. Please check the Family Handbook for warm weather uniform requirements. Remember ALL uniforms, both school and Phys Ed must be purchased through Flynn & O'Hara. This date may change should the weather turn warmer earlier.



- We ask parents of girls to please note the requirement for the length of kilts and jumpers (no more than 2 inches above the knee). Even though many girls wear shorts under their kilts and jumpers, we ask that all kilts and jumpers measure at the required length. Thank you for your assistance with

the matter.

- All students must tuck in their shirts.
- The used uniform closet is open on Monday and Friday each week. PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN USED UNIFORMS THAT ARE STAINED, SOILED, AND BLEACHED. We are receiving a large quantity of uniforms that cannot be re-sold/re-worn. Please dispose of those uniforms, please do not donate any uniforms with the MBS logo. Thank you for your cooperation.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

April	
17th	12:10 Dismissal - Easter vacation begins
18th	Holy Thursday
19th	Good Friday
20th	Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil
21st	Easter Day
18th-26th	Easter Vacation - Easter Blessings to All!

## PARISHES

### ST. JOHN NEUMANN

Parents of 2nd Graders: Our next gathering will be the First Holy Communion practice on Wednesday May 1 beginning at 5:30PM. Remember to provide me with your child's height in inches no later than April 29.

Parents of 8th Graders: Our next gathering will be Confirmation practice on Monday April 29 beginning at 5:30PM at St. Luke's in Ocean City.

VBS Dates change alert! Our Vacation Bible School dates have been changed due to a scheduling conflict. The new dates will be July 15-19th from 9AM-Noon. We hope that many of you will be able to join us in the fun!

### ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE

Palm Sunday is April 14. Our masses will be at 6:30, 8:30 and 10:30 AM. Please note that there is NO 7 AM mass.

Easter Sunday is April 21. Our Masses will be the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 20 is at 8:30 PM. Easter Sunday masses will be at 7, 8:30 (Church), 8:45 (Parish Life Center), 10:30 (Church), and 10:45 AM (Parish Life Center).

### ***Vision Statement***

*Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School provides rigorous and technologically relevant instruction that is intentionally integrated with Catholic identity. Together, as Pastors, administrators, teachers and parents, we nurture the development of the mind, the body, and the soul, in each of our students. Our students are able to make sound decisions based upon the teachings of Jesus Christ and modeled upon the lives of the saints. As a faith and learning community, we teach students a passion for the truth and a love for discovery and knowledge. Our students are prepared to relate their Catholic faith to their culture and actively live their faith as members of the greater community.*