

## St. John Bosco School – Hatboro, PA



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Dear Parents,

I'm sure you, like all of us, thought we would see some signs of **SPRING** by now...and we may have to settle for just a graphic on a calendar or letter! It seems to have been a long winter, and the prediction of more snow makes us long to see the crocus and daffodils popping their heads through the cold ground!

We have another busy month upon us – filled with several activities that will enable you and your families to prepare spiritually during these Lenten days for the greatest celebration the Church offers us – Easter Sunday! We are asked to do three things during Lent: pray, fast, and give alms. Prayer can take many forms...perhaps attending Mass one day a week extra or saying even a decade of the rosary together as a family; remembering to say grace before and after meals is something we often forget because we are so busy...and let's not forget to take advantage of the opportunity for confession any Tuesday night during Lent! Fasting doesn't always mean going hungry...it can be giving up dessert once a week, or how about a favorite TV show – read or play a game together instead. We can replace the “giving up” with “doing something” for someone else. We can “give alms” to those less fortunate in many ways – using the Rice Bowls to collect what would have been spent on those weekly desserts or perhaps taking the time to clean out closets and drawers for outgrown or little used clothing that can be given to the St. Vincent DePaul Society clothing drive this month. If you don't use your Sunday envelopes – then perhaps this Lent would be a good time to get back into that practice. It is a tremendous support to our parish.

Our thanks to the many families that supported our Gertrude Hawk Candy Drive...we'll have results for you in next month's letter. We hope to see many at the Mother-Son Bowling that is quickly coming up...and maybe some will be able to join in an evening of fun at the Night of the Races – always set up with a St. Patrick's Day theme!

Please know that, depending on the weather until Spring really sets in, we may have to make some adjustments to our calendar. We may be losing some of our days off to make up for the “snow days.” We will let you know as soon as we know!

As always, we are grateful to you for the many ways you support us! Know that you always share in our prayers each day! May God continue to bless you and your families on this Lenten journey!

Sincerely,

Sister Rita Marotta, IHM  
Principal

