



Bear Blast

October 9 - 13, 2023



Our Mission - *United by our core values of Faith, Family, Knowledge and Service, St. Anthony Catholic School is committed to providing a learning environment that promotes academic excellence, spiritual growth, and moral development. Preparing students to be good stewards of God's gifts.*



Message from the Principal

Dear St. Anthony Families,

We are at the end of our 1st Nine weeks! Can you believe it? Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up. We, at St. Anthony Catholic School, consider it a privilege to collaborate with parents in the education of their children because we believe parents are the primary educators. Teachers and parents provide a vital support system to help students learn and grow. When parents and teachers communicate and work together effectively, the support for the student is at its best. A link will be sent out to sign up for conferences soon!

Our Baby Bottle Challenge and Rosary Challenge are off to a wonderful start. Thank you for helping us support Light House Ministries and praying with us for the awareness of human life from conception to natural death. Friday, October 13 our school community will be praying the Rosary in the Mary Garden following Mass. Please join us if you are able.

We have completed our Fall MAP testing session! The students worked hard! Thank you, parents, for ensuring your child receives what they need to be successful during the testing time! Teachers will be discussing the data regarding your child's growth during Parent/Teacher conferences.

Thank you to our PTO for organizing the Mum sale! What a festive way to raise money for our school's PTO projects! If you couldn't pick your items up, they are waiting for you in front of the school!

Have you seen the front of our school? Our Harvest Helpers have been busy at work! Thank you to everyone for helping us celebrate the season of Fall and making our school entrance beautiful!

Blessings,
Mrs. Salemmo

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 18 – Oct. 13 - Baby Bottle Coin Collection
- October 2-31 - Rosary Challenge
- October 10 - End 1st quarter
- October 12 - PSAT Testing for 8th graders; House Meeting Day; Confirmation Practice
- October 13 – Noon Dismissal; Rosary in the Mary Garden; Teacher Workday
- October 14 – Confirmation 11:00 a.m.
- October 16-17 – Soccer Tournament
- October 17 - Lower School Quiz Bowl; Report Cards Issued
- October 18 - Middle School Quiz Bowl; STREAM Bus for 4th graders
- October 19 - Parent Conferences 4:30-6:30 p.m.;
- October 20 - No School; Conferences 8 AM-Noon; Extended Care available during Conferences; 4K classroom open

Noon Dismissal on Friday

After Care will be available
Regular charges apply
Students should bring a bagged lunch.



We will have **House Meetings on Thursday, October 12!** The uniform for Thursday is the house T-shirt. Students may wear jeans with their house shirt.

Hey!
WELCOME
We're *very* **GLAD**
you're here!

We would like to welcome the Lin Family to our school community. Oliver joins the students in 4K.

Hot Lunch Orders



Online lunch ordering for October is open. Please complete your order online. This helps us with planning and ordering.

Praying the Rosary October 13

Please join us in the Mary Garden after the School Mass as we pray a Rosary for the respect of human life from conception to natural death. Each decade will be prayed in a different language.

Rosary Challenge

Each time your family prays a Rosary for life, complete and return **one** bead. You will receive another bead. We are building Rosaries with the beads in the Library. Each bead turned in earns one House Point. Current House Points are: **St. Joan of Arc 6, St. John Bosco 5, St. Jude 5, and St. Paul 8.**



This is the last week for our Baby Bottle Coin Collection! The amounts collected to date are:

- St. Joan of Arc - \$310.96**
- St. John Bosco - \$194.71**
- St. Jude - \$304.49**
- St. Paul - \$119.17**

Respect for Life Prayer

God of life and love, you created us in your image and sent your Son to bring us life.

Instill in us a respect for all life, from conception to natural death.

Empower us to work for justice for the poor.

Nourish us that we may bring food to the hungry.

Inspire us to cherish the fragile life of the unborn. Strengthen us to bring comfort to the chronically ill.

Teach us to treat the aging with dignity and respect.

Bring us one day into the glory of everlasting life.

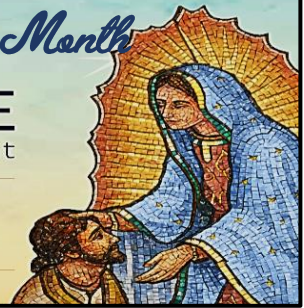
We ask through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

October is Respect Life Month

EVERY LIFE
cherished • chosen • sent

*"You who are my messenger,
in you I place my absolute trust."*

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



The Post and Courier PEE DEE Readers' Choice

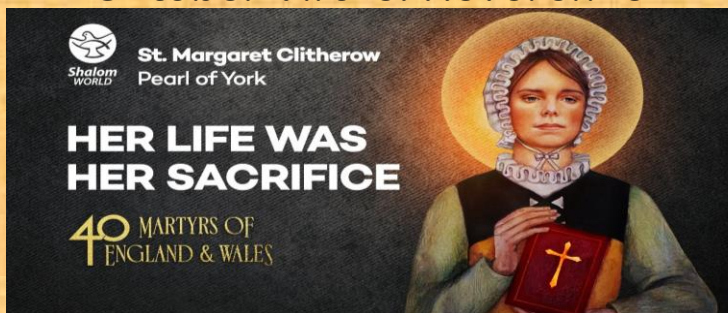
We are excited to announce that St. Anthony Catholic School is competing for "Best Private School" and "Best Preschool" in the Pee Dee region as part of The Post and Courier Pee Dee Readers' Choice Contest! We are counting on your support.

We know that our school is special, and this is an opportunity to share that information in the community. All you need to do is cast your vote **daily** and ask family and friends to do the same. Voting has already begun and will continue through October 22 at 11:59 p.m.

To cast your vote:

- Visit [Readers' Choice](#).
- Select the Services category
- Select "Best Private School" and cast a vote
- Select "Best Preschool" and cast a vote

October Virtue: Reverence



Margaret was born in 1555 in England. She was raised as a Protestant, a member of the Church of England, but after her marriage to John Clitherow, she made the decision to become Catholic. It was a brave decision, because Margaret lived during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, who wanted to rid England of all Catholics and the practice of the Catholic faith.

Although her husband was part of the established church, he didn't oppose her decision as his brother was a Catholic priest. John even paid the fines Margaret was charged for not attending Protestant services in their local church. Margaret had two hiding places built in their home. One was a small room for priests to hide. The other was a small cupboard. In it she kept the sacred vessels a priest would need to celebrate the Eucharist. Catholics came secretly to Margaret's house for celebrations of the Mass and for the reception of the other Sacraments.

Someone reported Margaret. On March 10, 1586, the authorities raided the Clitherow household, and she was arrested. Margaret was accused of breaking the laws against attending Mass and harboring Catholic priests. When she came to trial, Margaret refused to enter a plea because she did not want her husband and children to be questioned. She told the judges, "I know of no offense whereof I should confess myself guilty. Having made no offense, I need no trial." Margaret was found guilty and sentenced to death at the age of 30.

On March 25, 1586, which happened to be Good Friday, St. Margaret Clitherow was pressed to death in York, England. Margaret's great faith was an inspiration to all three of her children. Her daughter, Anne, became a nun, and her two sons, Henry and William, both became priests. St. Margaret Clitherow is the patron saint of martyrs, difficult marriages, and businesswomen. Her life story is a testament to her unwavering faith and strength, making her an inspiration for those facing challenges in their lives.

In 1970 Pope Paul VI canonized St. Margaret as a saint for her courage and faith. She is sometimes referred to as the "Pearl of York."

We can show our respect for her by thanking God that we are free to live openly as Catholics. We can also pray for anyone who is persecuted for their belief in Jesus and the Church.

Calling all Harvest Helpers!

September 22 – October 13

We are asking St. Anthony families and staff to help us to celebrate the first day of Autumn and the Fall season by dropping off pumpkins, mums, scarecrows, gourds, and other fall decor for our front entrance.

We would love for you to take a picture when you drop off your contribution and we will share it on our Facebook page!

Thank YOU for getting into the Fall Spirit.

SOCCER

Schedule for the Week of October 9 - 13

4K/5K Team

Wednesday	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Practice
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1st – 3rd Team

Tuesday	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Home Game vs Thomas Hart Academy
Thursday	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Home Game vs Montessori
Saturday	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Practice

4th – 6th Team

Tuesday	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Home Game vs Thomas Hart Academy
Wednesday	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Practice
Thursday	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Home Game vs Montessori

Links for schedules: [4K/5K Soccer Schedule](#)
[1st – 6th Grade Soccer Schedule](#)



The 2023 Pee Dee Independent Athletic Association Soccer Tournament hosted by Thomas Hart Academy will be Oct. 16th-17th.

A packet will be coming home in Tuesday Folder to let you know about all of the rules, time of play, cost, etc. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. G at dguerriero@saintanthonycatholic.com or 843-662-1910.