



A Week at A Glance...9/25/2017 - 9/29/2017

In keeping with our theme on the study of angels, this week we will consider the **Third Choir**. These angels serve as heavenly guides, protectors, and messengers for human beings.

Principalities or **Rulers** are the angels that guide and protect the nations, groups of people and institutions such as the Church. They preside over the bands of angels and charge them with fulfilling the Divine ministry. There are some angels who administer and some who assist. They are shown wearing a crown and carrying a scepter. They are educators and guardians of the realm of the earth. St. Paul used the term rule and authority in *Ephesians 1:21 and 3:10*.

Archangels are known as chief angels. There are early references to seven archangels as a group in the Book of Enoch which is prevalent in the Judaic tradition. While this book is non-canonical in the Catholic tradition, it was quoted in the *New Testament letter of Jude 1:14,15* by many of the early Church Fathers. There, each of the seven is named as guardian of each of the seven days of the week. Sunday is guarded by **Michael**, Monday, **Gabriel**, Tuesday, **Raphael**, Wednesday, Uriel, Thursday, Raguel Friday, Remiel, and Saturday, Sariel. Our Church recognizes the **first three archangels**. Their names will most likely look familiar to you from reading the traditional stories in the Bible. This week on **Friday, September 29th, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Archangels**.

Angels, also known as "the plain angels" are the lowest order of the angels, and the most recognized. They are the ones most concerned with living human beings. There are many different kinds with different functions, though humility is a virtue given to all of them. **Guardian Angels** come from this "plain class." It is believed a Guardian Angel is given to every human being at conception. They watch over, help and guide those souls committed to their care. There is nothing more lovely than our Guardian Angel. **The Church will celebrate the Feast of the Guardian Angels on Monday, October 2nd**. Don't forget to pray to your Guardian Angel each day. Teach your children about them and help your little one to get to know his or her Guardian Angel with this special prayer.

*Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
To whom God's love
commits me here,
ever this day,
be at my side,
To light and guard,
To rule and guide.
Amen*

CONFERENCES: Conferences have been scheduled for Thursday, November 2nd and Friday November 3rd. Both days are early releases at 10:20 am. We will once again use the online sign up: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0C45ABAF2AA7F94-conferences1. Conference run every 15 minutes.

LIVING ROSARY: The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady. Please mark your calendar, as we would love to see all of you at the Living Rosary on Tuesday, October 3rd. For those who have not attended in the past, the people make up the rosary beads. It is a beautiful experience if you have not seen it. This will take place in the Pastoral Center. Please take part in the wonderful event. We are asking that you bring an intention that will be offered up when we say the rosary.

TRUNK OR TREAT: We have set the date for Trunk or Treat for Friday, October 27th. More information to follow.

VOLUNTEER/CORI INFORMATION: If you are interested in volunteering this year, you will need to either attend one of our workshops which is about 3 hours long or view the program online which will be a little over an hour. You will also sign off on the Code of Conduct at the same time. If you even think that you may go on a field trip or volunteer, please go on the site and watch the videos. Your CORIs also need to be up to date. If you were in need of a CORI update, it was put in your back to school packet that the students brought home today. The site is https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_2.cfm?theme=0&org=37495. If you sign up and take part of the course and then decide you need to finish this later you would actually go to virtusonline.org and then put in your username and password and finish the course.

ALTAR SERVERS: Anyone in grades 4 – 8 who are interested in Altar Serving either daily or weekend masses please let us know and we will give you paperwork to fill out. You can also find the paperwork under After School Programs and then Altar Serving.

LUNCH TOKENS: Tokens can be purchased on the following days: September 29; October 13, 27; November 9 (Thursday), 30 (Thursday); December 8, 20 (Wednesday); January 11, 26; February 9; March 2, 16, 29 (Thursday); April 13; May 4, 18; June 1. Student may bring in money to purchase tokens on their first day of school.

FUNDRAISER INFORMATION

TASTE OF WESTERN MA DINING BOOKS: We will be sending home shortly the Taste of Western Mass Dining and Activity books to every family. If you do not want to purchase it, please send it back in the bag it came in. If you are interested in purchasing it, please send it back with \$25. They make great Christmas gifts. If you are interested in purchasing more, please send in the paperwork or a note and we will send it home with your child.

CANDY BARS: We ask that everyone sell the boxes that were sent home. There are many options: you can sell after the masses (just contact the FSA) or you can call the Post Office, Stop and Shop or many other places that will let you sell. You can sell at soccer games or other sports events. If you are need of more chocolate, please send in a note and we will give it to your child unless you let us know that you will be picking them up. Thank you for all your help as this is our biggest fundraiser of the year.

GIFT CARD/SCRIP PROGRAM: If you are interested in purchasing gift cards for

birthdays, Christmas and the like, please consider purchasing them through us. Please click on the order form below, print it out, and fill it out and send back to school by September 26th. You can print off a copy of the form from the website.

STOP AND SHOP: Our school is participating in the A+ School Rewards program. Please register your card at Stop and Shop or online to help raise money for the school. You can either visit www.stopandshop.com and select Savings and Rewards and follow the prompts to create your account. You will need your 13 digit Stop and Shop card number and our school ID (05181) or if you do not know your card number you can call 1-877-366-2668 and choose option #1. If you registered last year, you do not need to register your card again. You can track the number of points you are earning for our school by checking your grocery receipt starting October 6 2017 – March 15, 2018.

COLLECTIONS

BOXTOPS/CAMPBELL UPCs/INK CARTRIDGES: We continue to ask for your support with the Box Tops, Campbell UPCs, Ink Cartridges

BOTTLES AND CANS: We are collecting clean bottles and cans with deposits. They can be dropped off in the containers in the parking lot by the other side of the dumpster.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

ART CLASSES: After school art classes will start Tuesday, September 19th for grades 5 - 8 and on Wednesday, September 20th for grades 1 – 4. If you are interested in signing your child up, please send back the registration slip that was emailed or you can go on our website under After School Programs and click on the Art tab.

SEWING: Classes will begin on Friday, October 6th from 2 – 2:30 pm. Information will be emailed to everyone and found on our website under After School Programs – Sewing.

Judo / Jujitsu: Please talk to your child(ren) about joining the Judo class on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. They can come out and try it, and if they like it they can join.

God bless,
Shelly Rose, Principal