



SJBS WEEK AT A GLANCE

APRIL 23, 2018

As Catholic Christians, at one time or another, many of us have been asked the question, “What evidence do you have for this Jesus and His Resurrection from the dead?” The answer that quickly comes to mind is to quote from *John 20:29*, “Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed.” However, the doubters will continue to look for proof.

A tangible answer can be found with the **Shroud of Turin**. The **Shroud** is the most sacred religious relic that exists in the world today and is the most studied, tested and analyzed. It is preserved in an underground vault in the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Turin, Italy. It has only been since 1983 that the Shroud has been owned by the Holy See (the Pope). It was given as a gift from its owners known as the House of Savoy, a royal European family in possession of the Shroud since 1453. Its ownership prior to that date is unclear. At this time scientific carbon dating tests have concluded with a 95 percent confidence level that the age dates back to 280 BC to 220 AD. That time frame includes 33 AD when Jesus was wrapped in His burial shroud.

The **Shroud of Turin**, a flax linen cloth, an expensive blend commanding a high price, measures 14.3 ft. by 3.7 ft. It bears the image of a crucified man, and blood testing on the cloth has confirmed the blood to be human male blood of a rare type AB. The Bible tells us that Joseph of Arimathea, a wealthy man, donated his tomb and provided the burial shroud that wrapped Jesus’ body. *John 19:38-42*. In addition, pollen found on the cloth is consistent with plants and flowers in Jerusalem at the time of Jesus.

The Shroud is consistent with the physical torments that Jesus bore, as every mark left on it can be found in scripture in each of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The image revealed on the cloth shows a man who was brutalized with a crown of thorns and repeatedly scourged with Roman flagrum (a whip with metal balls and bits of bone fragments). There are nail puncture wounds on the wrists and feet and the mark of a spear wound is on the left side of the body. Also consistent with the Gospels is that the man in the Shroud had no broken bones. *John 19:36*

Is it more than coincidence that this piece of linen cloth has survived fires, wars, clashes of civilizations and general tumult for centuries? Perhaps it is for the doubters that the Shroud has survived as evidence of Christ’s death and Resurrection, but for those who believe, it is an ever present reminder of God’s greatest miracle. The Shroud of Turin could be considered the perfect intersection of science and faith. *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit...*

REGISTRATION/FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If you haven't already done so, please remember that you can begin to apply for the Diocesan Financial Assistance for the 2018-2019 school year. You do have to be Catholic and it is for grades K – 8. The Diocesan applications have to be completed online. If you do not have access to a computer you are more than welcome to use ours at school. Just let me know. You can access the link on our website under School Information link and then Scholarship Information.

There is also the McVicar Scholarship. We encourage everyone to apply for this. You can find the application on our website as well. The Bourbeau Scholarship is also available for those families that have more than one student attending, but is mainly need based.

We are now accepting new applications for students wishing to enroll in the fall of 2018 in Grades Nursery through Grade 8. Students should be 5 by September 1st to attend kindergarten. Full time and part-time openings are available in our Nursery School program. If you would like more information, please go on our website and/or contact the school.

If you have not returned your registrations, please return it this week.

Testimonial

“St. John’s academic curriculum allowed me to gain all of the knowledge I needed to confidently transition to high school.

Teachers challenged my strengths and assisted my weaknesses to become successful. I have recently received my doctorate in physical therapy from AIC and credit SJBS with providing the foundation of faith and discipline that has made all the difference in my life.”

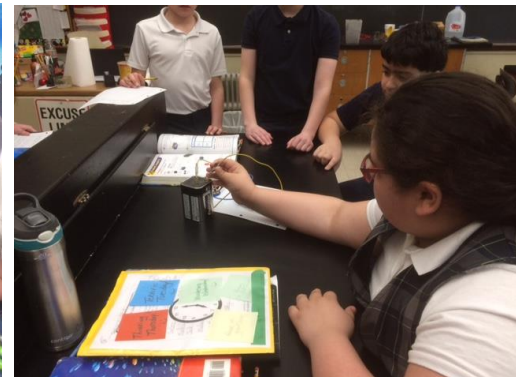
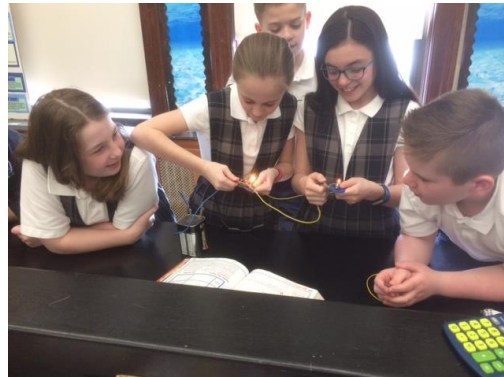
Stephanie Ormeche, ‘06

CLASSROOM NEWS

Grade 5 students recognized for 2nd term perfect attendance. Standing: Aleksa Kochanek, Gabriella Fialho, Matthew Szenda, Nicholas Ciesla, Nathan Gravelin; kneeling: Jonathan Goncalves and Jack Dias.

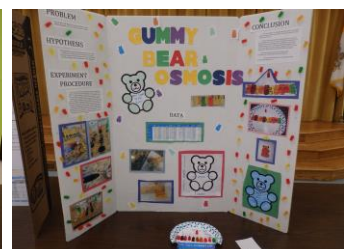
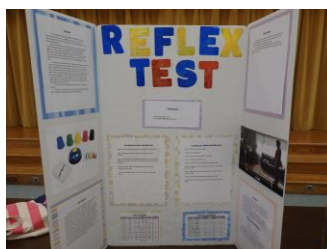


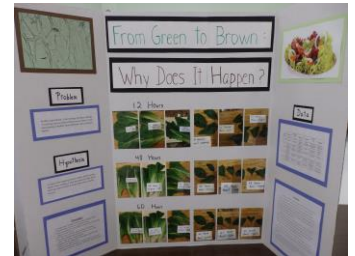
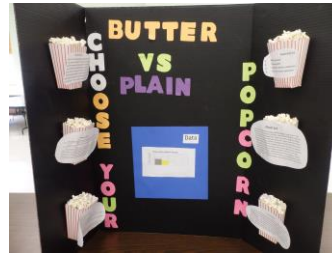
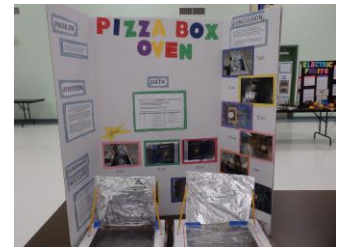
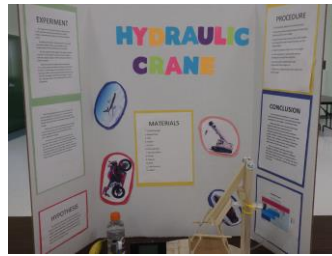
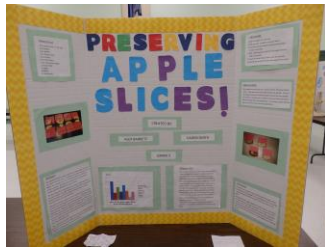
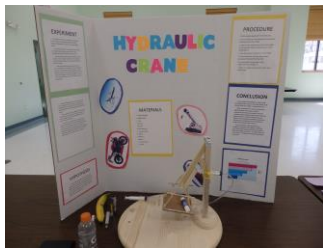
Grade 5 investigates series and parallel circuits



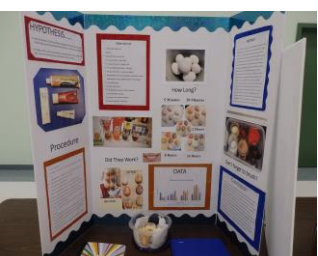
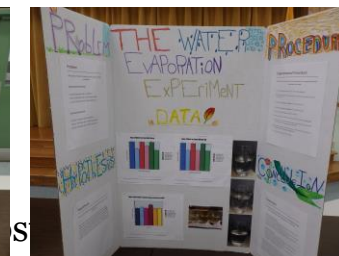
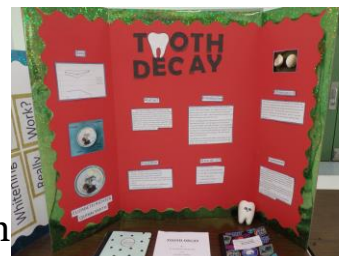
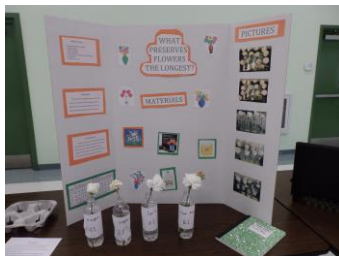
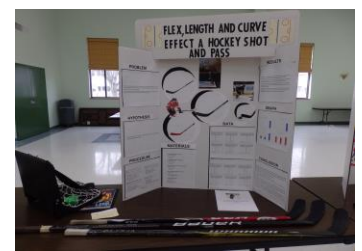
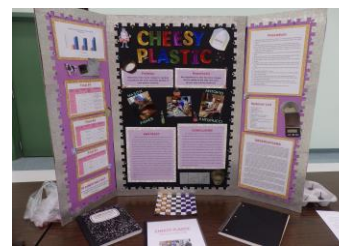
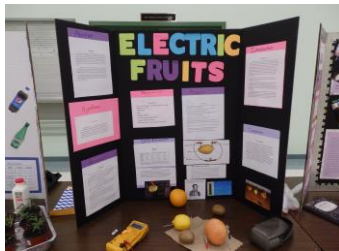
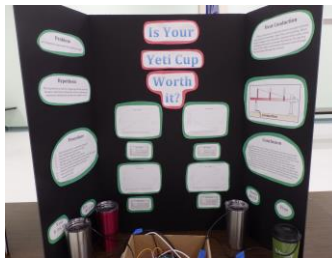
Congratulations to all of the 5th and 6th graders for doing such a great job on their Science Fair projects. In grade 6 we congratulate those students who earned Honorable Mention: Christopher Calvanese, Daniel Krutka, Coral Martins, Elizabeth Richter, Quinn Smith and Chad Santos. In 3rd place: Aiden McBee; In 2nd place: Anthony Gregorio and in 1st place Antonio Antonucci and Mason Fisher. In grade 5 we congratulate those students who earned Honorable Mention: Cameron Markiewicz, Matthew Szenda, Jack Dias, Gabby Fialho, Madison Tereso and Nathan Gravelin. In 3rd place: Savanna Ferrabelo; In 2nd place: Nick Ciesla and in 1st place Nick Staeb.

Grade 5 Science Fair Projects





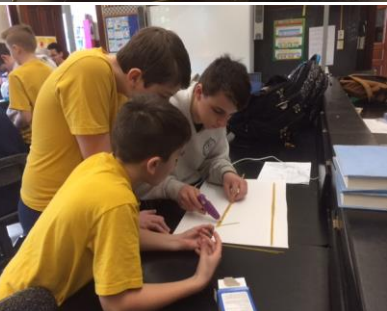
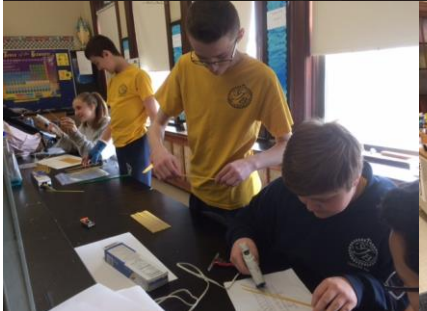
Grade 6 Science Fair Projects



Grade 8 discussing their Internet Safety posters with grade 3.



Grade 7 Working on Construction their Bridges



Save the Date



Valley Gives Day is coming up on 5/1/18!

We thank all of you who donated on Valley Gives Day last year. If you didn't, we ask you to consider an online donation of \$10. or more by going to

<https://www.valley-gives.org/organizations/st-john-the-baptist-school>. This year our goal is to raise \$10,000 to fund improvements to our Art, Music, P.E. and Computer programs. **Every donation gives us a chance to win bonus cash prizes from \$500 to \$5,000 throughout the day! Thank you for your support!**

Early Release on Friday, April 27th at 11:00 am. Students may dress down for a \$1.00 or a pass.

Tokens can be purchased on the following days: May 4, 18; June 1. Checks should be made out to Ludlow Food Service

We welcome all of our Grandparents on Friday, May 4th for a Grandparents' celebration. We start with mass at 8:30 am and then afterwards we invite everyone to the classrooms.

Villa Rose Fundraiser is April 25 all day

Token Day this Friday, May 4th

Night of the Arts - May 3rd and 4th. More information to follow.



Save the date, Saturday, May 19th for our Warrior Obstacle Race. This year SJBS will sponsor an obstacle course race. The 2018 OCR Warrior Race benefitting SJB will take place on May 19th at Movement Terrain in Wilbraham. It will consist of several indoor obstacles

and a running course outside the building. This will run in heats with one person starting a minute or so apart. This is geared to be a community event targeting cross fit athletes in the area as well as any adult or youth 7 years and older who

wish to participate. On-line registration will begin in the coming days.



It's that time of year to start thinking about Career Day on Wednesday May 9, 2018, from 9am-12pm in the Pastoral Center. This will be a fun day for the students to be able to learn about different careers and start to think about their future. We are in need

of volunteers to come and share with our students what your profession is all about. When we have the confirmation of the volunteers, the students will receive a list so they may ask questions. The more careers the better! For more information or questions please contact Laura Murphy at lauramurphy79@charter.net or at the school 413-583-8550 between the hours of 10am and 1pm. I thank you in advance for your time and hope to see many of you there!



I am happy to say we will have our Summer Camp this summer. Registration slips went out before vacation and can also be found on our website. Please return slips by April 30th.

FUNDRAISING



Thank you to those who have sent in their receipts! If you are an AmeriGas customer please read this. AmeriGas will us give up to \$2000 per school year. All you have to do is turn into the school the receipt at the bottom of your bill. They give .02 per gallon purchased. If you know a business that uses AmeriGas or a friend or relative, ask them to save their receipt. I can turn them in at the end of the school year for reimbursement.

We continue to ask for your support with the Box Tops, Campbell UPCs, Ink Cartridges. 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

GRADES 5 – 8 SPANISH CLUB: The students in grades 5 – 8 meet on Fridays from 2 – 3 pm.

GRADES 1 – 4 SPANISH CLUB: Spanish Club for grades 1 – 4 meets on Tuesday's from 2 – 3 pm.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS: Wednesday, from 2 – 3:30 for Grades 6, 7 and 8.

ART CLASSES: Thursdays 2:00 – 3:00 pm

SEWING: Fridays, 2:00 – 3:30 pm.

JUDO/JUTSU: 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. It runs from 2:00 – 3:00 pm.

MAD SCIENCE: Wednesday from 2 – 3 pm. May 23rd is the last class.

God bless,
Shelly Rose, Principal