

# Student of the Month

## November 2022

Congratulations to the following students:

Brandon Yue	K1	Darlin Qato	K2
Kathleen Romano	1B		
Joshua Fazzino	2A	Bianca DelGozzo	2B
Louis Spasari	3A	Peyton Belinsky	3B
Joseph Dickerson	4A	Elijah Aquino	4B
Angel Richardson	5A	Gabriel Johnson	5B
Kathleen Engel	6A	Sarah Gaidis	6B
Madelyn Bock	7A	Dominic Davi	7B
Giavanna DePersia	8A	Isabel Palaganas	8B





## HOUSE POINTS WINNERS 2022-2023

House of Saint Patrick

Luciana Croce

House of Saint Valentine

Jameson Belinsky

House of Saint Joseph

Paislee Gunson

House of Saint Francis

Isabella Procaccino

House of Saint Theresa

Jacob Soto

House of Saint Elizabeth

Chase Stinger

House of Saint Dominic

Stephen Murdah

House of Saint Joan of Arc

Godwill Nkemneme

House of Servant Maria Esperanza

Mark Patterson

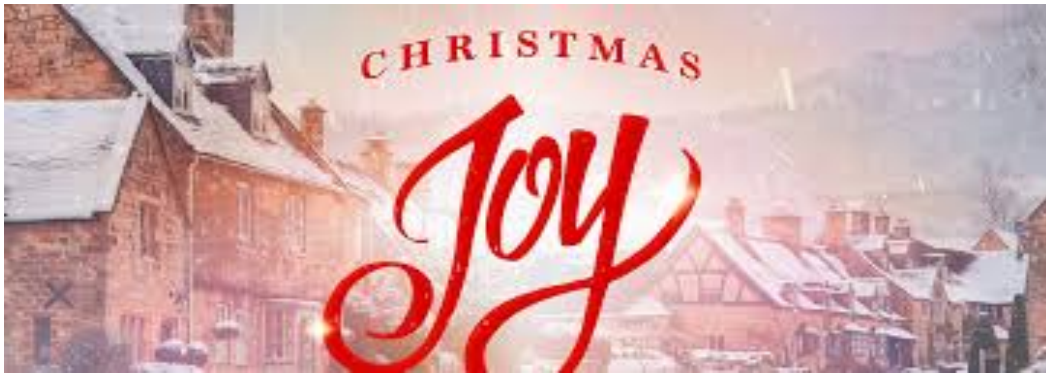
### **The division winners for highest points:**

Division 1            House of Saint Joseph

Division 2            House of Saint Theresa

Division 3            House of Maria Esperanza





*St. Mary School is proud to present our  
Performing Arts Club as they perform  
“Christmas Joy.” The program is scheduled for  
Wednesday evening, December 14<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:30 pm in Assumption Hall.*

*Tickets for the program are available at a cost of  
\$4.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child. Please  
complete the order form below if you wish to  
attend the show.*

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***“Christmas Joy”***

***Name:*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Grade:*** \_\_\_\_\_ **A B**

***Number of Tickets: Adult*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***@\$4.00 per ticket***  
***Child*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***@\$2.00 per ticket***

***Total Amount Enclosed \$*** \_\_\_\_\_

# St. Mary's Raise Right Gift Card Program

Dear St. Mary Families,

The Holiday Season is fast approaching and it's a great time to maximize your earnings using the Raise Right gift card program.

You can order gift cards for all of your holiday shopping needs and/or download the RaiseRight app and have e-cards available anytime. You can even order them while standing in line to check-out.

Please note Monday, December 12th will be the last order date before the holiday break.

Please visit [www.RaiseRight.com](http://www.RaiseRight.com) for more information or download the RaiseRight App and link your St. Mary School account with enrollment code **E1L2C5694968** and start earning today!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [scripcoordinatorSMS@gmail.com](mailto:scripcoordinatorSMS@gmail.com) or 856-905-3284.

Thank you,

Cindy Balog



**Reminder Parents/Guardians: The December 31, 2022 deadline is quickly approaching for the tuition assistance application.**

October 18, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

For your planning and convenience, FACTS Tuition Assistance application is now available for the 2023-2024 school year. There is a \$30 application fee which will need to be paid online before submitting the application.

All applications must be completed electronically at <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3KGBP>. You will come to the home page and then be able to log on using your username and password for your FACTS account. You will then see a link that will take you to the tuition assistance application. The 2021 tax returns will be used for your application. All required documentation must be submitted for the application to be processed. **Only completed applications will be considered.** It is the responsibility of the family to supply all necessary paperwork.

**The deadline for applying for tuition assistance is December 31<sup>st</sup>.** If you have any questions regarding FACTS Tuition Assistance procedures please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Patricia Mancuso  
Principal

# St. Mary School PDQ Gift Card Sale!



**Please help support St. Mary School !!**

We are offering \$10.00 PDQ gift cards for \$8.00.

Place your order today!

Don't forget they make great gifts and stocking stuffers too!

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Please enclose the completed form below with your payment -- cash or check (made payable to St. Mary School) Attention: Advancement Office and return to school by Friday, December 16, 2022. Cards will be sent home no later than the week of December 19. There is a limited supply of gift cards. Don't' delay order yours today!

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Please return just this bottom half with your payment  
by Friday, December 16.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of cards: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ ( Please circle-- cash or check)

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# CANDY CANE GRAMS

St. Mary's PTA is sponsoring a Candy Cane Gram sale! Parents, Grandparents, Sisters, Brothers, Aunts, Uncles and even Pets can send a Christmas Message to students. The cost is \$1.00 per Gram which will include a candy cane and your Christmas Message. All grams must be purchased no later than **Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**. The grams will be delivered to the classrooms on **Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

**Please cut them out on the dotted lines.**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Room \_\_\_\_\_

Christmas Message:

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Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Room \_\_\_\_\_

Christmas Message:

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Christmas Message:

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Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Room \_\_\_\_\_

Christmas Message:

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# WINTER COAT DRIVE

December 1st-  
December 16th



I have organized a Winter Coat Drive to help those in need stay warm this winter. Bring in your old (in good condition) coats and I will collect them for donation!

The coats will go to the main office.

Coats collected will be delivered to:

Angels Community Outreach  
Pitman, NJ

Where their mission is to give a Hand Up to those in need.

THANK YOU!  
Max Candors - 7B





2022-2023

Dear Business Owner,

We are writing to you on behalf of **St. Mary School, a mission of Our Lady of Peace Parish, Monroe Township**. Our mission is to teach and inspire our students as they discover and develop their talents, enabling them to attain their God-given potential. In turn, they contribute to a vibrant parish and community now and in the future.

Our 2022-2023 St. Mary School Annual Fund is currently underway and we would like to invite you, a local business owner, to participate in our campaign in a very special way.

St. Mary School is offering a program called the **"SMS 100 Club"**. This program enables local businesses to donate a tax-deductible gift of \$100 to this year's Annual Fund. Your business' generosity will be acknowledged on our website, in our Annual Report, on social media and in a variety of written communication to our school families during the 2022-2023 school year. Your business name will be seen by close to 300 school families as well as the hundreds of visitors to our website. We welcome our local businesses to take part in this new initiative which greatly supports our school. Our goal is to have at least 100 local businesses participate in our new program.

Gifts in support of the St. Mary School Annual Fund are used for programs that allow our parish school to carry on their mission and motto of **Learning and Living in Christ**. Donations will be used for supplemental materials to enhance our math and language arts curriculum, additional technology resources, hands-on equipment for our science lab, professional development for our teachers, purchase of classroom furniture and other essential educational needs. Through your support we can continue to enrich academic life by providing critical resources for new technology and academic initiatives for 21<sup>st</sup> century learning, which allows our students to develop the necessary skills to succeed now, in high school and beyond.

As St. Mary School continues to educate our students during these unprecedented times, we at St. Mary School are committed to faith formation and education in the Catholic tradition. We invite you to join us in showing your commitment to the future of St. Mary School and to please consider St. Mary School among your philanthropic priorities. On behalf of our school community and especially our children, thank you for helping to invest in the minds of tomorrow as we are Preparing Today's Students for Tomorrow's World.

Gratefully,

Mrs. Patricia Mancuso  
Principal, St. Mary School

***Attached you will find the form needed to participate in our "SMS 100 Club" program. Please complete the form and send it with your \$100 donation to SMS 100 Club. You can send it in with your child or drop it in our drop box located outside the main office on Carroll Ave. You can also mail it in to: SMS 100 Club, St. Mary School, 32A Carroll Ave., Williamstown, NJ 08094.***

***Please make all checks payable to St. Mary School Annual Fund.***



## **SMS 100 Club Application:**

***(Please print)***

**Company Name (as you would like it to be listed):**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number (as you would like it to be listed):**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Company Website:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person's phone number:**

**Office:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person's E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

***Thank you for your support of St. Mary School***

Your company name and phone number will be listed on the St. Mary School website (as you have indicated above) upon receipt of your donation and application form and will remain there for the 2022-2023 school year.

Your business name will also be listed in our 2022-2023 Annual Report as well as periodic communications, including social media and with our school families throughout the year. Also a reminder, that your donation is tax-deductible.

***On behalf of our school community and especially our children, thank you for helping to invest in the minds of tomorrow as St. Mary School continues, for another 70 years, Learning and Living in Christ.***

# **ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

Thank you to all who have shared their interest in becoming an altar server and serving at the altar of the Lord. All those who have made their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and are in 4<sup>th</sup> grade or above, including high school students, are eligible to join the ministry of altar servers. Training consists of (2) sessions on **Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** in church from **3:00 to 4:00 p.m.** We are also offering another (2) training sessions on **Saturdays, November 19<sup>th</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup>** in church from **8.30 to 9.30 a.m.** If you would like to join us for the training or have any questions, please contact Kathy Gregorio at [kgregorio68@comcast.net](mailto:kgregorio68@comcast.net) or 856-262-4908 or call the parish office. Please send your child's name, age, grade, and your email address and your phone number. We look forward to meeting you!

**ST. MARY'S ALTAR SERVERS' AGREEMENT**  
**September 2022-2023**

I have read and understand the procedures and guidelines of this altar serving agreement and I will commit myself to following them.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Altar Server's Signature)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mass Preferences: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that it is the responsibility of the entire family to support my child in this ministry for our Parish.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Parent's Signature)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print the following clearly:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School and Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this page in the folder next to the sign in sheet at the next Mass you are serving. Remember, it is an honor to serve the altar for Our Lord Jesus Christ and the parish community.

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If you would like to be REMOVED from the scheduling list, please fill out & return to the Parish Office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLAY LIKE  
A CHAMPION  
TODAY**

Character Education Through Sports

## Champion Coach Note

Educating and Forming Champion Coaches

### Recognizing the Value of Officials

Since 2018, an estimated 50,000 high school officials have quit sports. This 20% decrease likely gets worse when factoring in youth sports, where organizations across America report having fewer officials available now than they did 5 years ago. The result is an officials' shortage affecting leagues across the country, forcing the cancellation of games and causing leaders to voice serious concerns. While media coverage has largely focused on *why* officials are leaving (abuse from coaches and fans is the most common reason), *Play Like a Champion* is invested in *solutions*: how do we recruit new officials to our leagues and create an environment that keeps them coming back year after year?



Several leaders have come up with innovative ideas to that end. In the short video above, St. Louis CYC Director Dan Fitzgerald talks about the **efforts his organization has taken to show appreciation for officials**. *Thank a Ref Weekend* provides a way to highlight the important contributions made by officials, giving adults a chance to consider the value these men and women bring to youth sports while also modeling positive interactions for young athletes. This simple gesture can have tremendous benefits. As the NFHS **organizes a consortium** to find solutions and **officials offer their own thoughts** on how to improve this relationship, positive steps within our own leagues can create goodwill, promote a culture of respect, and establish an environment that helps to recruit and develop new officials.

We encourage all leaders to follow the example of the St. Louis CYC above and determine how you can build a more positive relationship between officials, coaches, athletes and fans. Start your own *Thank a Ref Weekend* or develop another way to recognize and support officials. If you've had success with something similar or with recruiting new officials, **let us know** so we can spread the word! By working together to create an environment in which officials want to work, we can help preserve and grow a valuable part of the sports experience for our children.

***Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor.***

~ Romans 12: 9-10

## Providing a Team for Every Child



Partners of *Play Like a Champion* are well aware of our efforts to assure that all children have the opportunity to experience the joy and benefits of sport. As we celebrate the end of a year that brought tremendous success in this mission, we look forward to expanding our reach in 2023. The video to the left demonstrates why this is so important.

Terence and Korshan are two young people whose lives were profoundly impacted by their positive youth sport experience. Through *Boxing Out Negativity*, they found a caring coach and a supportive community; now they're giving back to youth in their neighborhood as coaches. As Terence said: **"Sports saved me."** A gift to *Play Like a Champion's A Team for Every Child* initiative helps make these stories possible, allowing us to create opportunities for kids, develop sustainable neighborhood associations, and train local coaches to provide a positive, life-changing experience through sport.

As 2022 comes to a close, consider a gift to support this mission. Click the link below to learn more. Every contribution is secure and tax deductible, while helping to change the lives of children through sport.

**Donate Now: Help Provide A Team for Every Child**

## A Prayer for Coaches

Thank you Lord for all the gifts that coaching young people provides to me. Thank you for the energy and joy of young athletes as they learn and grow as part of my team. When my team has success, help me to not boast about our accomplishments in your service. Help me to remember that all good we do is due to your help, grace, and inspiration. Let us be aware of your assistance on our team in providing us with desire, drive, courage, and hope. Help me to be at peace with my team and my coaching, dedicating all I do and all our team does to play for God's glory. Amen.



**Access Resources & Learn More at [www.playlikeachampion.org](http://www.playlikeachampion.org)**

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[www.playlikeachampion.org](http://www.playlikeachampion.org)

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