



# Saint Therese

## Our Patron Saint and her friend St. Elizabeth of the Trinity

Every day the children of St. Therese Nursery School enter and exit with St. Therese looking over them in the foyer of our building. During the month of October we celebrate her life and how she is still impacting our lives. The children will invariably notice that she is holding roses. Over the course of the month we share a simple story of her life and prayers about her. Why is it important that these children and our world understand the message of St. Therese? How do we emulate her devotion to our Lord and actions to others? Our world is in need of love and peace.

St. Therese was an avid painter and poet. We are going to use her words and pictures that share those messages with our children on their level. Our intention is that not only will these children grow into adults that share and act upon these messages but also impact their families and the world beyond!

Deacon Ernie Scrivani, a frequent visitor to our school recently shared the life of St. Therese in a homily at the Pastoral Center this past week. He so eloquently speaks of how St. Therese's devotion at a young age led to her determination to become a Carmelite nun and share Jesus' love for others with the world. Please visit the link <https://www.facebook.com/ArchdioceseofHartford/videos/503823427121166/?t=33> to hear Deacon Ernie's homily on video.

The patron saint of our parish is St. Elizabeth of the Trinity. She too was influenced by the life of St. Therese and devoted herself to our Lord and prayer through love for others. Love is the resounding theme of both St. Therese and St. Elizabeth of the Trinity. Love brings peace and peace brings love! May the lives of these saints live in the hearts of our children today, tomorrow, and always!

**"To live by love is to go through life sowing peace and joy in hearts!"** –St. Therese of Lisieux

We pray that our school is where love and peace are abundant! Whether it is from our children making flowers to present to St. Therese here at school or visiting the church to tour the stained glass windows of her life! Take a moment to share this prayer as a family and let St. Therese inspire you to do the ordinary with extraordinary love!

In God's Peace,

Miss Michele



Prayer to  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus

God, Our Father,  
You promised Your Kingdom

To the little ones

And the humble of heart

Give us the grace

To walk confidently in the  
way

Of St. Therese of the Child  
Jesus

So that helped by her prayers,

We may see Your glory

And share in Your Kingdom

Amen

### Important Dates

- 10/18 12-3 Virtus Training for parent volunteers
- 10/14 No School Columbus Day
- 10/26 Fall Festival 11-3
- 10/29 Four Year Old Parade Noon
- 10/30 Three Year Old Parade 11:00 am.



# FALL FESTIVAL

## Fall Festival Helper Days!

### Monday, Oct. 21st

9:15 a.m.

\*Apple Caramel Making!

\*Basket Assembly

### Wednesday, Oct. 23rd

9:15 a.m.

Cookie baking with fours!

### Thursday, Oct. 24th

9:15 a.m.

Cookie baking with threes!

Our Fall Festival is right around the corner! This is a great seasonal event where you will be able to go on a hayride, pick a pumpkin to decorate, bounce in the bounce house, enjoy lunch, savor cookies made by the children, help with our kindness pumpkins, or purchase raffle tickets for classroom baskets! You are welcome to invite family and friends. The tickets need only be purchased for children! Parents and adults ride the hay wagon for free! I will be sending order forms home shortly!

In addition, sign ups will be emailed home through Sign Up Genius for classroom theme baskets.

\*Want to help bake cookies with the children for the festival or make baskets! See the sign up Genius!

## STNS Scarecrow for North Haven Garden Club on the North Haven Green!

Another community engagement activity this year is our participation in the North Haven Garden Club Scarecrow Contest on the North Haven Green from Oct. 12th through Nov. 2nd! Next week our classes will be making a scarecrow with our school t-shirt, school tote bag, and manipulatives! We will post a picture of our scarecrow upon completion! Be sure to stop by the green to take a tour of all the scarecrows made by organizations and individuals in our North Haven community!



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## Required Virtus Training for Volunteers!

Friday, Oct. 18th Noon to 3:00 p.m.

All volunteers in our school must complete a Virtus training under Protecting God's Children and background check to maintain the safety of our children per Archdiocesan regulations prior to volunteering. We have a training coming up on Friday, October 18th from noon to three here in the meeting room of the parish center. Please see me if you can attend! Light refreshments will be served!



## Project Kindness Pumpkins! Help us spread kindness!

In relation to being a welcoming to our parish and town community, our "Kindness Committee" will be working collaboratively with our St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Social Action Committee to decorate miniature pumpkins with inspirational prayers that will be placed throughout our community similar to kindness rocks! We pray that our messages from our little friends will provide some faith inspiration to others! Be sure to look for the pumpkins around

town and our churches! We hope to document the travels of our pumpkins on Facebook!



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## Halloween Blessings, Parades, and Celebrations!

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In celebration of All Saint's Day and Halloween, the nursery school children will be involved in Halloween parades and blessings. The three year old parade will be held on Tuesday, October 29th at 11:00 a.m. and the four year old parade will be held on Wednesday, October 30th at noon! All day students will return to class and remain all day on this day. If your child is an 11:30, 12:00, or 12:30 pick up they will be dismissed after the parade. All day students will eat lunch in school on this day and lunch bunch will eat at home as the party and parade will proceed their dismissal. Each class will have a small Halloween party. Parent helpers will be chosen from the Time and Talent form. All volunteers must be Virtus trained! Our next training is Friday, October 18th from noon to three here at the nursery school! If you are not chosen for Halloween, please be assured you will be chosen for another celebration throughout the year. We try to make it as equitable as possible with regards to our volunteers. Sign ups for Halloween party donations will be sent via email in Sign Up Genius. Please remember that we are a peanut/tree nut free school when selecting your item to send in.

You may invite as many friends and families as you like to the Halloween parade and blessing. Please wait in front of the fence for the parade. There will be a line for friends and family to stand behind for the parade. For safety reasons, only the parent volunteers will be in school. The classes will parade around the front of the school and will be blessed for a safe and happy evening! Safety is of our utmost concern and for this reason we will be blessing the children in front of the school with our families remaining behind the line. Please understand that this is the first time that many of our children will encounter an experience where there are so many adults gathered. This is a developmental milestone and we focus on making all of the children feel comfortable in this new situation. The main goal of the staff is to ensure the safety and comfort level of our students. To our staff, many of the faces in the crowd are unfamiliar. Costumes are to be sent to school with each part labeled in one big bag. The teachers and parent volunteers will assist the children in dressing. Please try to avoid any scary masks and fancy shoes as they impede walking.





## Thanksgiving Pies/Breads/Cookie Dough Fundraiser!

Each year we hold a fundraiser of pies, breads, and cookie dough from Bishop's Orchard in Guilford! This is completely voluntary! All of

the pies are frozen and can be easily baked for the holidays! Enjoy a fresh baked local pie or bread! Order forms will be sent home soon! Orders are due by Friday, November

1st! The pies will be delivered on Wednesday, November 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.! Our three year old families will need to pick up on this day as well as we do not have room in our freezer for all of these goodies!



*Follow us and like us on Facebook! We post daily!*

## October Service Project! Fill the pantry!

Each month we try to incorporate a service project into our curriculum. To kick off the year we will be helping fill a food pantry Ronald McDonald House food pantry. Please have your child fill the kid size pantry in our lobby! Items needed are Clorox wipes, juice boxes, macaroni and cheese, and individual snacks! Ronald McDonald House provides lodging and some meals are donated but parents are responsible for a good portion of their meals and snacks. The stocked pantry helps immensely!

In November you will notice a Christmas Tree in our foyer! Have no worries, we are not trying to push ahead for a holiday!

We will be collecting items that are learning related for our Tree of Hope for Ronald McDonald House. Additional information will be provided in the November newsletter. However, if you see some good sales now on school items, you can save them for our tree, Learning is a Journey, not a destination



## Flu Shot Requirement



The State of CT Department of Public Health requires all children in early childhood programs to be immunized with the flu vaccine by December 31, 2018. I will need a copy of verification that your child has received this vaccination. If you choose not to have your child receive this vaccination, a letter of medical or religious exemption must be provided and notarized. Please see me with any questions. Thank you!



October is

Fire Prevention Month!

October is also fire prevention and awareness month! The children will be reading books and discussing fire safety in their classroom! Please discuss a fire exit plan for your family and practice this life saving technique. Each family should also have a meeting spot outside their home. My children and I chose the big tree in our front yard as our meeting point. Unfortunately, our local volunteer firefighters are not able to visit this year! I have asked some of our parents who are firefighters to come in and share about fire safety!

## School Spirit T-Shirt Day!



Something new this year! We will hold school spirit days once a month to celebrate our school community! Children are invited to wear their school t-shirt or a blue shirt on this day! The first spirit days are Thursday, Oct. 24th and Friday, Oct. 25th! If you would like to purchase a t-shirt, please see Miss Michele. T-Shirts will be on sale at the Fall Festival! We are also going to have more items available with our logo in the near future!

When your child is sick and on medication! Let us know!

Many times our children are on a temporary medication for an infection or other matter. In order to ensure the safety of our students, please submit a note or request a temporary medication form stating the type of medication, dosage, and duration of administration. You may also email this information. In the event of an emergency, we would want to provide this to a first responder.



## School Pictures!

We will be holding school pictures by David Frost on the following dates:

Three Year Olds:

Tuesday, November 5th

Four Year Olds:

Wednesday, November 6th

\* Order forms sent home soon!

\*The pictures are in before the holidays!



## Posting Pictures!!!

Just a reminder to our families, in this social media world we are all posting pictures of events in our lives! As we begin a series of school events that invariably will be captured on film, just a reminder that when taking pictures of your children, be mindful of other children in the pictures.

