



Our thought, support, and prayer continue for junior Michael Doherty as he recovers from his recent football injury. At the present time, Michael remains at The Shepherd Center in Atlanta. We offer prayer and support. May all our holy Christian Brother saints, especially our newest saint, Brother Solomon, intercede with Almighty God on Michael's behalf!

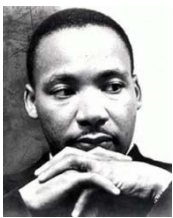


## *The President's Hebdomadal **Blue Ribbon** Newsletter*

### *January 16 - 22, 2017*



I hope your three-day weekend is a pleasant one. Here's my annual Martin Luther King message:



In thinking about Dr. Martin Luther King, I annually remember one of his statements that has become a favorite of mine: *If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed or Shakespeare wrote. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.*

Saint John Baptist de La Salle wrote a similar thought to the first Brothers -- and thus to us today. In his last *Meditation for the Time of Retreat*, Saint La Salle tells the brothers: *Oh! What glory there will be for those persons who have instructed youth, when their zeal and devotion to procure the salvation of children will be made public before all people! All heaven will resound with thanksgiving! Act, then, in such a way by your good and wise guidance of those who are entrusted to you, that you will procure all these blessings and all this glory for yourself!*



**Just think if each of us did our job so well that *all the hosts of heaven and earth* paused to recognize our efforts!  
This must be our daily goal! I wish you a great week!**

#### **Mon, Jan 16 – Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday; no classes**

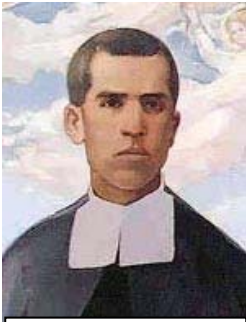
- Born on January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King, Jr. grew to become one of the greatest social activists has ever known. At 35, he became the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace prize. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968 while making a speech from the balcony of his hotel room in Memphis, TN. His birthday became a national holiday by an Act of Congress in 1983 and is observed on the third Monday of January. Many consider it a day of service.
- **No Name Calling Week:** Let's all model civility and respect this week and avoid calling others derogatory names!
- **This Day in History:** In 1991, Operation Desert Storm was launched. US and coalition forces invaded Kuwait to liberate it from Iraqi takeover. The war lasted until Feb 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **TDIH:** In 1945, Adolf Hitler descends to his underground bunker; he remains for 105 days until he commits suicide.
- **Memorial Service for Mrs. Judy Martin (10 am)**

#### **Tue, Jan 17 – (Assembly; B C D E)**

- **TDIH:** In 1953, the Chevrolet Corvette sports car makes its debut at General Motors' (GM) Motorama auto show at in New York. The Corvette, named for a fast type of naval warship, would eventually become an iconic American muscle car and remains in production today – but is certainly out of my price range and comfort zone!
- **Kid Inventors Day:** We celebrate the youthful spirit of invention every year on January 17th, the birthday of Benjamin Franklin, who invented the first swim flippers at age 12.
- **Basketball:** 9th, JV & Varsity at Slidell (5, 6 & 7)
- **Soccer:** Varsity v. Ponchatoula

## Wed, Jan 18 – (Regular; F G A B)

- **7 am Mass**
- **Thesaurus Day:** Other words for thesaurus: glossary, lexicon, onomasticon, reference book, sourcebook, storehouse of words, terminology, vocabulary, word list. Other words for day: astronomical day, bright, dawn-to-dark, daylight, daytime, diurnal course, early bright, sidereal day, sunlight, sunrise-to-sunset, sunshine, working day. So a happy Onomasticon Diurnal Course to you!



St. Brother Jaime

- **TDIH:** In 1937, Brother Jaime Hilario was martyred by Spanish revolutionaries in the Spanish Civil War. From the Christian Brothers Website: *Born in 1898 in northern Spain, Jaime was only 12 years old when, with the blessing of his parents, he entered the minor seminary. He soon developed hearing problems and was advised to return home. Convinced that God was calling him, he was overjoyed in 1917 to learn that the Institute of the Brothers would accept him. After sixteen years in various teaching assignments, his hearing problems forced him to abandon the classroom to work in the garden at one of the schools. In July of 1936 he was on his way to visit his family when the civil war broke out. Recognized as a Brother, he was arrested and jailed. In December he was transferred to Tarragona and confined in a prison ship with several other brothers. On 15*

*January 1937 he was given a summary trial. Though he could have been freed by claiming to be only a gardener, he insisted on his identity as a religious and thereby sealed his doom. He was brought to the cemetery known as the Mount of Olives on 18 January to face execution. His last words to his assailants were "To die for Christ, my young friends, is to live." When two volleys failed to meet their mark, the soldiers dropped their rifles and fled in panic. The commander, shouting a gross insult, fired five shots at close range and the victim fell at his feet. He was canonized in 1999 by Pope John Paul II.*

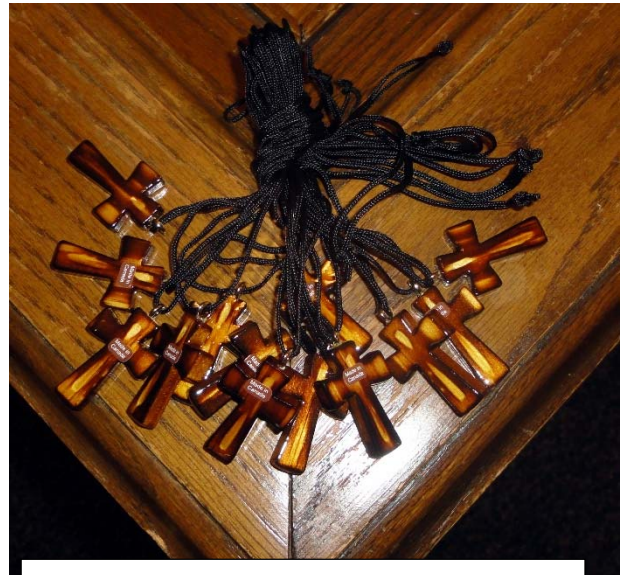
- **Pooh Day:** Winnie the Pooh Day is an opportunity to enjoy your favorite bear and his friends. This day was created to celebrate the birth of A. A. Milne in 1882. He was an author of children's story books, and created Winnie the Pooh and his friends. Winnie's pals include Christopher Robin, Tigger, Eeyore, Piglet, and Roo. Read some Pooh today!
- **Wrestling:** Dual meet at Catholic High in BR
- **Dads' Club Meeting – Abita Brewery Visitors Center (7)**

## Thu, Jan 19 (Regular; C D E F)

- **National Popcorn Day:** Enjoy this favorite snack today!
- **TDIH:** In 1809, Edgar Allan Poe is born in Boston. Read a Poe story or poem today in his honor! And eat some popcorn while reading in honor of National Popcorn Day.

## Fri, Jan 20 (Regular; G A B C)

- **Inauguration Day:** We pray for God's guidance upon our newly elected president and vice president and ask God's blessing upon our outgoing ones.
- **TDIH:** In 1937, President Franklin Roosevelt is inaugurated for his second term. It was the first time presidents were inaugurated on Jan 20. Previously, Inauguration Day was on March 4. This amount of time was needed in the past for the winner to travel to Washington since modern communication and travel were not invented.
- **TDIH II:** In 1961, John F. Kennedy inaugurated as President and utters famous "Ask not..." Poet Robert Frost read.
- **Penguin Awareness Day:** Today we give serious consideration to our tuxedo-wearing waddling friends. Did you know penguins mate for life? Or that the word penguin means 'fat winged' one in Portuguese?
- **National Cheese Lovers Day:** Indulge and enjoy!
- **Soccer:** Varsity at Slidell
- **Basketball:** 9<sup>th</sup>, JV & Varsity v. Mandeville (starting at 5)
- **Wrestling in Ken Cole Tournament through Saturday**



Seniors returned last week proudly sporting their retreat crosses.

## Sat, Jan 21

- **TDIH:** 1793, King Louis XVI is executed. The people eat cake.
- **National Hugging Day:** No whining today! Hug someone you love!
- **Squirrel Appreciation Day:** We have enough squirrels on our campus, so enjoy them today. Of course, the day could also apply to the human variety of squirrel!
- **Wrestling:** JV & Jr Hi in Bro. Martin Tournament
- **Basketball:** 8<sup>th</sup> v. St. Aug & Curtis at St. Aug
- **Soccer:** SPS 9<sup>th</sup> grade tournament (including SPS 8<sup>th</sup> grade team)
- **Math Tournament:** FMWs in Catholic High Tournament
- **Lacrosse:** JV & Varsity v. Bro. Martin at Muss Bertolino Park

## Sun, Jan 22 – we encourage all to attend church today, especially our Catholic families.

- **TDIH:** in 1973, the Supreme Court of the US legalizes abortion in the infamous Roe v. Wade decision.
- **TDIH II: On this day in 2013,** Justin Dakota Addison, a wonderful Saint Paul's Junior, died from injuries sustained in a biking accident on Tammany Trace. Today we remember Justin and all the good he represented. We continue to miss him. We pray for his still grieving family and friends.
- **Day of Penance & Prayer:** The Bishops of the US have declared today, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, as a Day of Penance and Prayer: penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person through acts of abortion and prayer for the restoration of the legal guarantee of this right to life. We join our penance and prayer today to those of all who are concerned with the dignity of life.



*Beau expresses delight at last week's king cake treat courtesy of Mothers' Club*

**Life and Dignity of the Human Person:** As we approach anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision, it's most appropriate to remember the Church social teaching on the Life and Dignity of the Human Person. From the US Catholic Bishops Web Site: *In a world warped by materialism and declining respect for human life, the Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Our belief in the sanctity of human life and the inherent dignity of the human person is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and assisted suicide. The value of human life is being threatened by increasing use of the death penalty. The dignity of life is undermined when the creation of human life is reduced to the manufacture of a product, as in human cloning or proposals for genetic engineering to create "perfect" human beings. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.*

**Pre-freshman Re-registration:** We will email registration info next week to our current 8<sup>th</sup> graders. They have until Feb 02 to respond. If you have serious misgivings about any 8<sup>th</sup> graders (ones that should not return or ones that should but are planning not to), please share them with Trevor, Joe, Gina, Ken or me. **Please do not, however, ask in class "who's coming back" or do anything to embarrass someone who is leaving us.**

**Letters of Application:** More unedited excerpts:

- *St. Paul's should accept me because I am a very smart and driven student. [and humble, too!]*
- *Saint Paul's has always been my dream school, and I want a chance to experience that dream.*
- *St. Paul's is the only school I am applying to because I think it's the best.*
- *I have always heard about St. Paul's. People talk about the school when discussing sports, academics, being a Catholic all-boys school, good things the students do in the community, and sometimes even tragedies that involve*



students and families of St. Paul's. The discussion is always positive and leaves me feeling like I'd like to be a part of the St. Paul's community.

- I hope to attend St. Paul's for the stellar education I will receive, to attempt to make the elite soccer team, and to create the moments of joy and delight that will shape my future as I walk onto campus every day.

### Musings on Last Week:

- **Wolf Packs:** Thanks, Gina and Kevin. The MKL video is always worth viewing and remembering!
- **Habitat for Humanity:** Thank you, Habitat Wolves, for your work Sat on behalf of affordable housing!
- **MC Snack Day;** King Cake ruled the day as Wolves celebrated start of Carnival season, thanks to the MC!
- **Sudden Impact:** More sophomores experienced this powerful program.
- **Bowling:** In case you weren't aware, SPS joined the LHSAA Bowling competition last year. In prior years, we were just a northshore league bowling group. Now we are in full competition. Our keglers participated in a jamboree last week and are off to a good start. Our Coach is Peter Bertucci, father of sophomore Peter and teacher/coach at SSA.
- **Soccer:** District win over Hammond and Orlando trip was great! And JV won the Covington Tournament, scoring a total of 20 goals and having no goals scored against them! Wow!
- **Wrestling:** Wolves acquitted themselves exemplarily!
- **Basketball:** Big district wins over Covington, Hammond, & Ponchatoula. JV & 9<sup>th</sup> had sold wins, too!
- **Student Council:** Thanks to Joanna, Audrey and SC Wolves for representing us well at the LASC convention this weekend at Hannan High.
- **Lacrosse:** Proud of the lacrosse wolves for starting their season with a retreat over the weekend! Wonderful!
- **Fighting Math Wolves** were up and at 'em early Sat morn, heading to Baton Rouge High & returning with gold.
- **SPS Quiddich Club** was asked to do an exhibition game this weekend at the Saint Tammany Parish library's "Fandom" event, facing off against LSU's own nationally ranked (!!!) team. Well done, Quiddich Wolves!
- **Robo-Wolves:** 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade teams competed at Holy Cross. Freshmen were tournament champs – again! – and also brought home the Design Award and the Excellence Award. And sophs made it to the semi-finals. Congrats to Julie, Marie and the Robo-Wolves!
- **Eagle Scout Ceremony** on Sat morning was again inspiring. Please congratulate Jeremy Boudreaux, Alex Seese, Austin Scheyd, and Evan Vamprine.
- **Congrats to** Campus Minister Jeff Ramon '08 who was interviewed on WLAE TV last week as Chapter President of the New Orleans Chapter of Young Catholic Professionals.
- **CPR** training went well. We remain grateful to Lakeview Regional Medical Center and local EMTs for their help.
- **Power Lifting:** The Iron Wolves were in action on Sat at the PJP meet to begin their season! Geaux Iron Wolves!



Hayden and Trey practice CPR at last week's training.

**Paper Wolf Update:** Please encourage your students to read The Paper Wolf on line ([www.thepaperwolf.com](http://www.thepaperwolf.com)) and read it yourself. Compliment the staff. Subscribe. Support the future of journalism.

**Alum News:** LSU released its President's List (4.0 GPA taking at least 15 hours) with these Wolves:

- College of Engineering: Grant Landwehr, Jared Rovira, Hunter Simonson
- College of Humanities: Antonio Otero
- College of Science: Michael Brands
- College of Business: Christian Caragliano, Eric Guin., Bryan Livaudais, Ryan O'Krepki, Jack Ruli
- University College Center for Freshman Year: Hunter Bourgeois, Greg Roy, Bryce Smith, Jared Simoneaux

**Congratulations Dept:** Kudos to Mayor Mike Cooper and Police Chief Tim Lentz who announced last week that Covington experienced a **14% reduction in crime** in 2016. We thank the Covington PD and all citizens of Covington for helping make our area so safe. And in a related item, traffic crashes continue to be the most common call for Covington PD service. In 2015, the Covington Police Department responded to 698 crashes, 76 of those resulting in injuries. Last year, in addition to the crime rate, the number of traffic crashes fell to 667, with 70 of those resulting in injuries. Unfortunately, I am sure that some SPS students/families were among these numbers. Let's encourage safe driving among our families, especially the students.

**Disturbing Statistic:** At his meeting last week with Covington school principals, Covington Police Chief Tim Lentz reiterated that opiod abuse continues to be a problem in St. Tammany Parish. In 2016, four murders occurred in St. Tammany and 50 opiod deaths occurred. Very sad.

**SPS Social Media:** Want up-to-date news on all of the good things happening at Saint Paul's School? Get event and classroom pictures, latest scores, calendar reminders, and spiritual uplifting by liking our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/St.Pauls.School.Covington.Louisiana/> or following us on Twitter @SPSWolfpack. The strength of the Wolf is in the pack! Many thanks to Mimi Montiero for maintaining our social media information.

**Guerilla Wolves:** Brandon Gallego and Joel Fernandez did an outstanding promotional video for Notre Dame Seminary Graduate School of Theology. It's worth the 3:58 minutes to watch and tech savvy wolves at work. Here's the link: <https://youtu.be/r7xhXB3DQkc>

**Warm Hearts Drive:** On Tuesday, January 17th, Sean Noel and members of Lasallian Youth will begin the annual "Warm Hearts" winter clothing drive. Lasallian Youth will collect gently used winter weather clothing (pants, sweaters, coats, scarves, gloves, etc.) which will go to the less fortunate of our community during the winter of 2017-18. Last year, St. Paul's achieved a record collection of over 1,500 items. Collection stations will be set up in the lobby of the Main School Building, Benilde Hall, and LaSalle Hall. The drive will conclude on Tuesday, January 31. Please contact, Mr. Ramon ([j.ramon@stpauls.com](mailto:j.ramon@stpauls.com)) with any questions.

**W of E:** Excerpts from a senior parent's email on the senior retreat and from the mother of a new January admission:

- *I just wanted to take a moment to let you know how wonderful of an experience the retreat was for my son and how greatly appreciative I am as his parent to take your time away from your families to be with our boys those few days. My son is a very quiet child, as I think most boys are at his age, but when I picked him up Friday evening I noticed an extreme sense of peace and happiness about him that brought secretive tears to my eyes. As of late, I'm having a hard time knowing the time is coming that he spread his wings and move onto his next stage of life. St. Paul's has been such a great place and family of brotherhood for him to be a part of in these quick five years. I will cherish his every last day at SPS until graduation as it comes close to an end. I feel truly blessed that he became a part of your family and I thank you all for demonstrating leadership, strength, friendship, manhood and most of all his faith that will all guide him in the right direction in his future. Thanks so much once again for allowing and preparing this very positive retreat time that they all needed and hopefully learned from to succeed and know how much they are loved!*
- *I also wanted to tell you how happy I am to have my son at St. Paul's! He just joined St. Paul's on the 3rd and everyone has been so unbelievably helpful and welcoming. Everyone. And my son said to me the other day, after discussing how great his transition has been, "mom, God must really want me to be at St. Paul's!" I couldn't have been more thrilled to hear him say that!*



Graphic Design Club member Ethan paints reproductions of Mark Rothko, an abstract expressionist, to be used in a local theatrical production.

**H of the W:** In honor of Penguin Awareness Day on Wed:

- *Q: What's black and white, black and white, and black and white? A: A penguin rolling down a hill!*
- *Q: What do penguins sing at a birthday party? A: Freeze a Jolly Good Fellow!*
- *Q: Where do penguins go to dance? A: The snow ball!*
- *Q: Which side of a penguin has the most feathers? A: The outside!*
- *Q: What do you call a penguin at the North Pole? A: Really lost, because penguins live in the Southern Hemisphere!*
- *Q: What do you get when you cross a penguin and an alligator? A: I don't know, but don't try to fix its bow tie!*
- *Q: Why did the penguin cross the road? A: To go with the floe!*
- *Q: Who's the head of the penguin navy? A: Admiral Byrd!*
- *Q: Where do penguins go to the movies? A: At the dive-in!*
- *Q: What's a penguin's favorite salad? A: Iceberg lettuce!*
- *Q: What do penguins have for lunch? A: Icebergers!*
- *Q: Who's the penguin's favorite Aunt? A: Aunt-Arctica! [LOL!]*
- *Q: Where does a penguin keep its money? A: In a snow bank!*
- *Q: What do penguins wear on their heads? A: Ice caps!*

- *Q: How does a penguin build its house? A: Igloos it together!*
- *Q: What do Penguins like to eat? A: Brrrrrrrritos.*
- *Q: What kind of fish do Penguins catch at night? A: Starfish.*
- *Q: What did one Emperor Penguin say to the other? A: Nothing, he just gave him the cold shoulder.*
- *OK, I'll stop!*

**Closing Quotations:** It's appropriate to close with a few additional MLK quotes:

- *A man who won't die for something is not fit to live.*
- *Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men.*
- *In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.*
- *He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.*
- *We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.*
- *Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.*
- *The time is always right to do what is right.*
- *And Trevor's favorite, which is worth repeating: Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.*

*Now let's go out there to be light and love to the students entrusted to our care by doing the ordinary things extraordinarily well, making courageous choices, doing God's will, and remaining faithful!*