

Here are your updates for the week ending Friday, May 1, 2020

Mass with Bishop Checchio TODAY at 4:00: In conjunction with the USCCB, Bishop Checchio is celebrating Mass with prayerful recognition of all who have suffered as a result of COVID-19. The Mass will be live streamed from the Cathedral of St. Francis, Metuchen, at 4:00 pm on Friday May 1. Prior to the celebration of the Mass there will be a live streamed public recitation of the Holy Rosary at 3:30 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity and we invite your communities to join Bishop Checchio virtually. Please see a letter from the Bishop found here: [Letter from Bishop Checchio for Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.pdf](#) To live stream the mass, click here: <https://www.stfranciscathedral.org/>

Flynn O'Hara: Please see the attached flyer from Flynn O'Hara regarding uniform ordering. [FlynnO'Hara Summer 2020 Uniform Flyer.pdf](#)

Virtual Learning Schedule: Thanks to everyone for being understanding as we continue to navigate our way through this teaching style. The schedule that was implemented this week is what we will continue to follow. It is nearly impossible to find something that will work perfectly for all families, but please know that we are doing our best. Please continue to check the teacher's websites and the school webpage for updates and assignments, and contact the teacher directly if you have questions regarding an assignment. It is VERY IMPORTANT that all students check into their homeroom each morning and attend and participate in EVERY class, including their specials. All participation and assignments will be counting towards their grade and attendance for the class.

NJHS Induction Mass: On Tuesday, May 5, all students, parents, faculty, and staff are invited to live-stream the 12:15 Mass at St. Thomas. Fr. Jay will be celebrating this mass and we will be honoring our new inductees to the National Junior Honor Society. I will be sending the link for the mass and a worship guide to all families on Monday. There will be no virtual classes in session during this time.

The Parish and School Offices are closed so no one is available to accept things that are dropped off, therefore regular mail or email is still the best way to contact us. Someone checks the mail at least once each week so if you have anything that needs to go to the office, please mail it to:

St. Thomas the Apostle School, 333 State Highway 18, Old Bridge, NJ 08857

2020-2021 Registration: An email was sent to all families who still have not completed their Bio Updates through the online enrollment portal. All returning families MUST complete a Bio Update for their child(ren) through the online PowerSchool Enrollment Portal, in addition to completing and returning your forms. Also, please keep in mind that all forms can (and should!) be uploaded directly to the portal so you should not need to send any paperwork into school. This Enrollment Portal is different from your update on Smart Tuition. Also, letters will be sent out early next week to all families who have completed their Bio Update and who are missing any paperwork. If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact us at registration@sttaob.com. Also, any families who are registering younger siblings for the first time need to use the New Student Enrollment Portal. If you need this link, please contact us through the registration email as well.

We hope that everyone is safe and healthy. If you need to contact anyone on the staff, please continue to use email as the school and office will remain closed. We continue to pray for all of our St. Thomas family, especially those who are ill during this time. Have a wonderful weekend – try to get out and enjoy some of the beautiful weather!