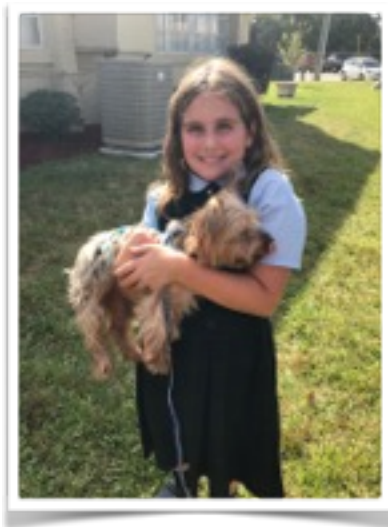


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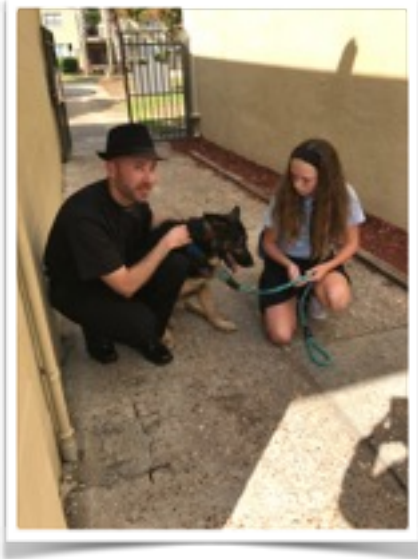
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Blessing of the Animals at St. John Catholic School



Celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

In 1228 St. Francis was designated as the Patron saint of Italy. He is known for his patronage of animals, the environment and all of God's creation. He believed that nature was



a mirror of God.
He dedicated his life
to imitating and
carrying out the work



of Christ.

In 1223, Francis celebrated Christmas by arranging for the first Christmas live nativity scene. He is the first recorded person in Christian history to bear the wounds of Christ's passion.

FIRST PTO MEETING OF THE YEAR

Co-chairs Maria Braxton and Mary Virga welcomed parents to the first PTO Meeting of the 2017-18 school year. The focus of the year is to support the St. John school community by working together for the benefit of our students, while having fun at the same time.

Parents learned about the Virtue of the Month which is "friendship". Our Campus Ministers, Alison Blanchet and Charlotte Dickey, shared ways to model friendship and show our children the how to be a true friend. The next Virtues in Practice Parent

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Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 10th at 8:00-8:45 and 5:00-6:15 pm in the media center.

Maria and Mary created sign-up sheets for upcoming events such as our Fall Harvest Trunk or Treat and Chili Cook-off on October 27th. This year each classroom or middle school "House" will also sponsor a game.

If you would like to volunteer to help with an event contact:



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Mary at elizabethvirga@gmail.com

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on October 4, the
feast of St. Francis
of Assisi. The feast
commemorates the
life of St. Francis,
who was born in
the 12th century
and the Catholic
Church's patron
saint of animals
and the
environment.
Father Kevin**

reminded students that St. Francis'

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**devotion to God was
expressed through
his love for all of
God's creation. He
also showed his love
by caring for the
sick and the poor.**