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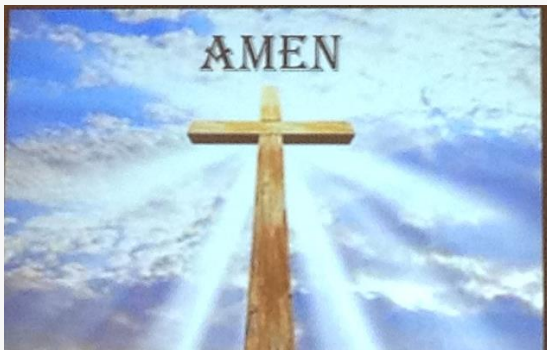
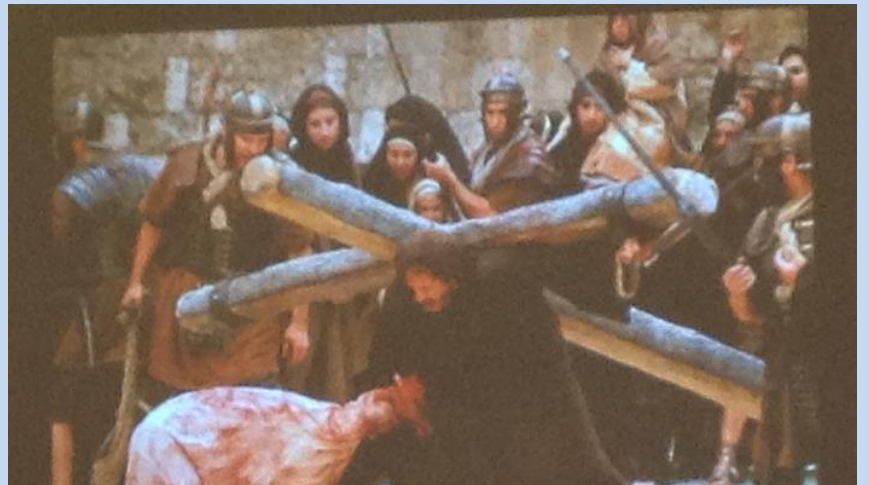
Marian High School – Tamaqua, PA 18252

March 2016

Happy Easter!

By Seth Harkins

Happy Easter! You may be thinking about how we had no days taken off the break and how having these days off is great, but do you really know why we have these days off? The Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ. To prepare for this we observe the 40 days before Easter, Lent, as a time to prepare ourselves and strengthen our faith. One of the ways we do this at Marian is a presentation every year detailing the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. This year, the freshman class directed by Mrs. Mary Matunis, created a PowerPoint presentation to go along with the reading of the Stations of the Cross. To go along with the readings, the PowerPoint had pictures for effect. Each station had a picture relating to the station, and then the second picture was taken by a student and had a relation to today's youth. The readings were done by the students; each station had two readers in it. One student would read the station and a second student would read a passage they wrote. Done this way makes clear the link between the sufferings of Christ in the first century and the sufferings of Christ's body in the world today. Such an approach can help us to recognize and admit the ways that we have failed to live up to our baptismal mission to spread the gospel and manifest the love of Christ to those in need.



Upcoming events -

April 3 – Chinese Auction
April 7 - 4th Quarter begins
April 8 – Blood Drive
April 14 – Report Cards

April 15 – Day off and Mini thon
April 18 – Mass with Bishop Barres
April 22-24 - Senior Play
April 25 – Day off

Newspapers should proofread!

Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures



Language Honor Societies
Induct New Members
By Joseph Maguschak

On March 9, 2016, fifteen students were inducted into the Foreign Language Honor Societies here at Marian Catholic. *Société Honoraire de Français's* President Camaryn Wheeler and Vice President Natalia Konitzer inducted five students into their society. Inductees included: Isabella Blasko, Abigail Haas, Emily Meier, Alyssa Neville, and Claudia Stroia. *Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica* gained ten members, including: Christina Capparell, Ryan Chapman, Sophia Damian, Colleen Gallagher, Aidan Hinchey, Julia Hoben, Henry Kreisl, Joseph Maguschak, Aaron Srinivasan, and Brady Whildin. These students were inducted by Henry Hinchey (President), Emma Macaluso (Vice President), Connor Dodson (Secretary), and Maureen Kloap (Treasurer). Congratulations to all of these students! And a big thank you to the moderators Mrs. Heffelfinger for French and Mrs. Coles for Spanish.



Easter in
Latin American Countries

The students from the Language and Culture class taught by Ms. Hydock celebrated Lent in a whole new way by making their "Alfombras de Semana Santa" (Holy Week carpets) that are made from saw dust that they colored themselves. As they learned about Holy Week in different Latin America Countries and cascarones (eggs)



that are broken over another person's head for good luck. Definitely a different way to observe Easter.



COMING SOON...



Marian Catholic Presents

Come support our seniors as they recreate

Bye Bye Birdie on April 22nd and 23rd.

The show starts @ 7 pm.

Get your jazz hands ready because these students will be taking us back into the past!

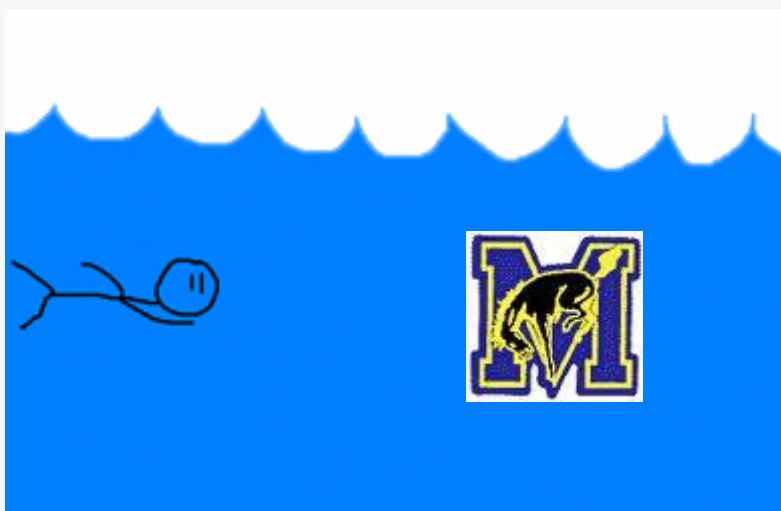
By Maggie Joseph

What a Year for the Marian Swim Team

By Hunter Nause

What a year it's been for Marian Catholics Swim Team. We may only have four people on our team, but at the District 11 Class AA championships we won seven medals. The team includes Danny Berlitz, Tim Dando, Angelina Krupko and Katie Kurzinsky. Danny Berlitz has been breaking records and winning medals all year. Berlitz being only a freshman placed 4th in the 500 freestyle and 5th in the 200 Individual Medley in the state breaking his best career times yet. Berlitz, who weighs roughly 100 pounds, finished the season with two Schuylkill League golds, two District 11 golds, the Schuylkill League and Schuylkill League meet records in the 500 freestyle, the Schuylkill League meet record in the 200 freestyle and fourth-place and fifth-place medals at states. So safe to say he made the Marian family very proud. It doesn't end there, Marian's other swimmers accomplished just as much. Timmy Dando had competed in the 200 freestyle and in the 500 freestyle coming in second in the 200 and third in the 500. Kathrine Kurzinsky had won the girl's 50 yard freestyle and 100 backstroke at the district 11 Championships. She was also named The Dennis A. McGinley Award for the meet's most outstanding swimmer. Our last swimmer but not least was

Junior Angelina Krupko who came in fourth in the 100 breaststroke. Congratulations to our fantastic Swim team. Not bad for a school without a pool.



National Ear Muff Day (March 13)

By: Beatrice Petschauer

When you think of holidays in America, Independence Day or maybe Veterans Day may come to mind. However, I think National Ear Muff Day (March 13) is one of the most if not the single most important national holiday. It is a well-known fact that George Washington, Marilyn Monroe, and Donald Trump all celebrate/celebrated National Ear Muff Day as an important yearly tradition. The only reason Julius Caesar did not listen when he was told "beware the Ides of March," was because he had ear muffs on when the oracle said that, and did not hear her. Some unnamed experts suggest that without NEM Day America would have had a social collapse over 100 years ago. Most of what you have just read is complete nonsense that I made up in about three minutes. But seriously, celebrate it please.



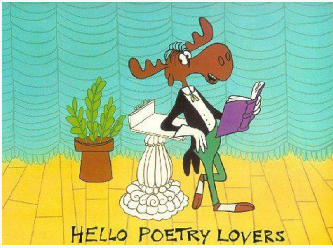
First Day of Spring?

March 21st may have been the first official day of spring and even the weather felt like it but April can get snow so here is a reminder of what could be.



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While focusing on the start of spring, most people pay no attention to any other festivities on March 21 like World Poetry Day. Why have a day to celebrate poetry?

Because poetry is about feelings, it's about us as humans to tell us we are all alike, it is the ultimate oral tradition in history that crosses all cultures. It captures the creative spirit of the human mind. World Poetry Day acknowledges some of the greatest literary works of all time. The day also commemorates some of the greatest poets of all time. Poems were first used in ancient societies to tell stories or record events. Today, poetry can still tell stories, but can also help poets relieve stress and create beautiful word arrangements. World Poetry Day was first celebrated on March 21,

2000. Most schools in Scotland devote their whole day or even week to poetry and hopefully Americans will soon do the same.

Quotes on Poetry by Great Poets

"Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words." - Robert Frost

"Poetry is language at its most distilled and most powerful." - Rita Dove

"Poetry is an echo, asking a shadow to dance." - Carl Sandburg

A Half Dozen Poetic Must Reads

1. "A Blank Letter" - Sudeep Sen
2. "A Dream Within A Dream" - Edgar Allen Poe
3. "I Am Not Yours" - Sara Teasdale
4. "Alone" - Maya Angelou
5. "I held a Jewel in my fingers" - Emily Dickinson
6. "Love and a Question" - Robert Frost



Tax Day is Coming

Everyone hears the word taxes and cringe. But they are a necessary evil in this world. From its beginning, this country has been very expensive to run, and the government has been responsible for raising the money to pay those expenses. When the country was young, it had a tough time getting funds from the original 13 states--\$15 million from each state in 1779 and more in following years. Some income tax was collected during the Civil War. President Grover Cleveland tried to start up a yearly income tax in 1894, but the Supreme Court ruled it unconstitutional, that meant amending the Constitution, which the government finally did in 1913 with the 16th Amendment. From that point on, Congress could legally collect taxes on incomes. But why the need for money? Easy answer - Freedom doesn't come free. Taxes help pay for running the government, the military and various programs throughout the country such as education. So there is a day every year people dread - Tax day. It is usually April 15 but has been moved to April 18 this year. Many people wait til the last day to do their tax return. Since many of you have jobs the main question is - Are your taxes done yet? The deadline is coming close!





KEEP CALM AND GO TO MINI-THON

Marian is hosting our first annual Four Diamonds mini-Thon! It is a 14 hour, no sitting, all night marathon to raise money for the Four Diamonds Fund. Four Diamonds funds childhood cancer research and pays all the expenses of the families with children hospitalized with cancer at the Hershey Medical Center. This enables them to worry only about the health of their child and not the costs. On April 15, at 7 p.m. we begin. There is a chance for the public to see us in action from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. and again from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Come out and join the fun!



St. Patrick's Day

By Cassie Casella



Top of the mornin' to ye. Ever wondered where we got the luck of the Irish from, who was Saint Patrick?

Born into a wealthy family in Kilpatrick, Scotland, his real name was not Patrick but Maewyn Succat. How you pronounce that I have no idea. At the age of 16 he was captured by Celtic Druids and kept there learning rituals but eventually converted those men to Christianity. He then heard the voice of God which he called "voice of the Irish" and escaped back to Britain on a ship.

Later, going to Ireland for extensive missionary work, it's said he converted 135,000 people, 300 churches, and consecrated 350 bishops in just thirty years before he died on March 17th, 461.

The Saint Patrick we know wasn't Irish but born in Scotland, though his work was done in Ireland. We celebrate his life on the date of his death, by recognizing what he did for the church all those years ago.

St. Joseph's Day

By Cassie Casella

One of the most important men in the New Testament isn't really talked about much- St. Joseph. Maybe that is why he has feast day we celebrated on March 19th to honor him the husband of the blessed Virgin Mary and foster-father to Jesus. Most Catholics don't even know about this day but some places celebrate it as elaborately as Christmas. Many Italian-Americans, especially Sicilians, celebrate St. Joseph, since he is regarded as their patron saint. Joseph (San Giuseppe) is believed to have prevented a famine in Sicily during the Middle Ages. That's why large feasts are typically held on March 19 in his honor. It's customary to wear all red on this day, the same way green in worn on St. Patrick's Day. Catholic New Orleanians construct elaborate altars in honor of this saint and even have a parade each year. This sounds good to me.



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Marian Students Participate in 2016 Schuylkill County Chorus Festival

By Molly Carnish

On February 20th at 2 PM, four Marian students participated in the 45th Annual Schuylkill County Chorus Festival at Pottsville Area High School. Molly Carnish (senior), Rose Reid (senior), Emily Meier (sophomore), and Ariel Stanalonis (freshman) dedicated over twenty hours in one week to help give the best possible performance. This annual concert features the best singers and pianists in the Schuylkill County Area. Many students from the area schools auditioned in October for a chance to participate in this concert. Around eighty students were selected to participate in the concert. Participating schools were Marian, Nativity, Tamaqua, Pottsville, Tri-Valley, Shenandoah, Pine Grove, Mahanoy, North Schuylkill, Schuylkill Haven, Blue Mountain, and Williams Valley.

The students were under the direction of guest conductor, Dr. Steven Thomas. Dr. Thomas is the Associate Professor of Music and the Chair of the Division of Performing Arts at Wilkes University, where he directs the University Chorus and the Chamber Singers. He is also the Music Director of the Arcadia Chorale, a chamber choir based in northeast Pennsylvania. Dr. Thomas also sings Tenor in the Lyric Consort, an eight-member professional a cappella ensemble.

The songs featured in the concert were *Bonse Abba*, *Awake the Trumpet's Lofty Sound*, *Three Madrigals*, *Sixteen Tons*, *Sakura*, *O Sapo*, *The Peace of Wild Things*, and *Come Fly With Me*. The concert was a success and everyone involved did a fantastic job! Thank you, Mr. Brimmer, for encouraging our students to be involved in such a special concert. Congratulations to our students who participated; you all did a wonderful job!



Marian participants of Schuylkill County Chorus



Seniors, Molly Carnish and Rose Reid, with Mr. Brimmer on the day of the concert

PI Day!

By Cassie Casella

Pie is pretty great and tasty, but what about PI? You know the numbers 3.14159 represented with Greek letter π since the mid 18th century. Well if you don't, your math teacher will be upset.

We celebrate PI Day on March 14th (3.14) but these past two years have been pretty special. Back in 2015 the numbers matched up 3/14/15 and was again celebrated this year with correct corresponding numbers. Those PI lovers out there wanted more of a reason to eat some pie and rounded the last 5 up to a 6 as it was followed by 9 and mathematically would be correct. Hope you enjoyed numerically correct PI Day on 3/14/15 and 3/14/16!

