



It is with great pride and heartfelt gratitude that I write to thank the army of volunteers who helped to make our Spring Craft Fair such a success. Students in grades 1-8 helped to set up tables and chairs after school on Friday. Saturday morning, many students and their parents, got up extra early to help the vendors unload their cars/vans and bring their wares to their table spots. We had high school and elementary school students, parents, teachers and staff volunteer their entire Saturday to help with this event. It was reminiscent of our Parish Feast, on a smaller scale, but with Nonna Sorgie's famous Zeppoles and the extreme heat, it felt like summer!

First and foremost, I must thank Diane Stellacci, who had the original idea for a craft fair, back in 2021, and ran with it. Diane has worked tirelessly, at each of these events, planning, contacting vendors, advertising, gathering feedback and organizing the vendors. This is a woman who knows what she is doing, and does it well!

Thank you to Pat Stellacci, Diane's husband, who does whatever Diane tell him to, and is always willing to share his time and talents with our parish. There is rarely a parish event that Pat is not involved with. Thank you to their beautiful daughter Theresa, for providing the perfect music for this event.

Thank you to Roland Chapdelaine, "The Voice of the Feast", who volunteered his Saturday to be the Master of Ceremonies for this event. He is another parishioner who will do anything and everything you ask of him, with a smile and a song!

Thank you to Joe Manente, SJ Facilities Manager, and staple in this parish and school. There isn't anything in these churches or school that Joe hasn't had a hand in. He has many talents and a keen eye for detail. Joe works from his heart and always exceeds expectation.

Thank you to Joanne Mascia, the nucleus of our school. Like Joe, there is nothing that happens in our school without her love, hard work and dedication. She is the heartbeat of St. James the Apostle School.

Thank you to Pat Denota Keene, our parish office manager. Pat is another parishioner who works in the parish office, but works for the parish. She consistently volunteers her time to make all parish events run smoothly, and does so with grace and kindness.

Thank you to my teachers, Rose Moffatt, Jim Vignola, Tiffany Pino, Elaine Wilson and our incredible PTO, who always go above and beyond for our school and our students. Not only do they volunteer their free time to help, but almost every fun and profitable event is planned and carried out by them. I am blessed to work with such dedicated and loving professionals every day.

Thank you to Monsignor Marchitelli, who has to work with me, which is not easy! We are all blessed by his love for this school and parish. He is our Shepherd, always supporting us, with pride.

Lastly, thank you to Ralph Fleischman and the Knights of Columbus for donating and cooking the sausage and peppers and hamburgers for this event. I have had the privilege of working with these faith-filled, hard-working men at various parish events. They unceasingly dedicate themselves to the service of others. We are so blessed by their dedicated service to our school and parish.

*We are the light of the world, may our light shine before all, that they may see the good that we do and give glory to God!*