

# VBS Daily News

Real IMPORTANT Information about Today's VBS

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## Today's Fruit Crop: Peace and Patience

**STATE COLLEGE, PA** — On the Great Feast of Transfiguration, the students continued exploring the Fruit of the Spirit (*how appropriate for this wonderful day!*) with the fruits of Peace and Patience.

Students found that peace is being free from worry and fear and getting along with people around you. Peace is mental and emotional calmness in the midst of problems and that Peace is love's security.

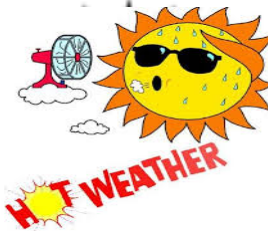
In their second instructional session, the students learned that patience is not getting angry when we want to, and not saying mean things when we want to. Patience is putting up with problems, confusion, frustration and pain without complaining about it.

Who couldn't use an extra dose of Peace and Patience??

### PEACE OUT

The peace that Christ has left to us has been conveyed through the centuries from the first announcement to the apostles during the Mystical Supper (John 14:27): "*Peace I leave with you, My peace I give you, not as the world gives do I give you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it afraid.*" To find that peace is to give up the search for the imperfect peace that the world gives. We search for it everywhere, from so many people in various situations. Yet we find that even the best of humans ultimately will let us down. Each time we hear the priest during services utter the word, "*Peace be with you,*" we hear the promise of the Master. Only His peace and presence offer abiding comfort. Only the Holy Spirit quells the confusion of our thoughts and raises us to an awareness of bliss in God.

### TODAY'S WEATHER



### PATIENCE: PLEASE WAIT

Patience is that gracious trait of being able to keep on keeping on, bearing the load of responsibility and difficulty. But sometimes we become just the opposite — we do not have the disposition to stay with the task until it is completed. The Holy Spirit enables us to endure until we have finished the work that we were put here to do. It's really all about accepting a difficult situation without demanding a deadline to remove it.

### A LOOK BACK TO YESTERDAY

At the conclusion of Monday's VBS, Fr. John Steffaro spoke with the students about a family he once knew – the *Tater* family and the characteristics each member of the family displayed. Fr. John also shared with the students the reason we bless fruit on Transfiguration.

Ask your favorite VBS kid what family member of the *Tater* we should to become more like. (*Hint: Sweet.*)

### FPO – FOR PARENTS ONLY

- The VBS kids start each session with a fun and nourishing meal and of course some fruit! Many thanks to the kitchen crew!