

Our Lady of the Assumption
Religious Education Program
Parish Council Report
May 2018

The Religious Education Program for April was a busy month.

On April 10th we held our required fire drill, with the guidance of the Bloomingburg Fire Company. A Thank you letter was sent to them for their services over the past year.

Also, on April 10th we had the pleasure of having Rabbi Marcus Rubenstein come to speak to Levels 7-9 about the Jewish faith, the Seder Meal and how it relates to our Faith and the Last Supper. It was a very informative and enlightening program.

On April 20th the Level 9 Students put on a Family Dance /Music Night. We had 32 people in attendance and all who attended had a great time.

On Friday April 27th two of Our Program Level 8 students received Confirmation with the OLMC Religious Education Program and School Students. It was a lovely Mass. Catechist Kim Grzybek and I both attended that evening.

On Sunday April 29th the Level 3 Children received their First Holy Communion. It was a beautiful ceremony for the children and their families.

Registrations for the 2018/2019 year are underway and are coming in.

Registration for Bible Camp is also underway. Registration is light, but I'm sure I will get them last minute. I'm hoping to have the 25 children we had last year. Bible Camp is June 25th- June 29th. 9-12:00. Its Free, and the theme is Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus.

This past Sunday May 13th (Mother's Day) the Level 2 children did a beautiful job Crowning Mary.

It is also the last Youth Mass for the 2017/2018 year. All who participated in the readings, singing, altar servers and ushers did a wonderful job ending our Program on a positive note.

Our last official day for classes is tomorrow May 15th. We will be holding a catechesis on St. Brigid and St Katherine Drexel with an Ice cream social following after the session.

The Catechist meeting that was to be held on Monday May 14th has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. A letter was given to all catechists inviting them to give me feedback on the year and how to improve things for next year, as I value each opinion.

I have been able to collect 2017/2018 monies outstanding. The balance left to collect from one family is \$75.00. All said and done I will be able to close out with a zero balance before next year begins once I receive this balance. A letter has been mailed to the family.

I have a total of 8 families= 17 students re-registered thus far with a total \$ 900.00 collected. This enables me to order the books for next year, of which I will be doing before the end of June to be able to take advantage of the free shipping.

I will be attending the Regional Meeting on May 24th in Harriman, as well as the Regional Meeting on June 19th in Middletown.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Herschel, CRE