

Religious Education Dept.,

March 2016

Youth Mass was held on Sunday March 13th at the 8:30 am Mass. The 7th Grade held another Bake Sale and raised another \$100.00. This money will be donated to the Missionary Childhood Association, Teaching children Religious Education to less fortunate children.

The 7th Grade will be hosting yet another bake sale after the 5:30 mass on April 16th. This is also the Youth Mass for this Month as well as Faith Food AND Fun. From 2:30pm – 5:00pm,

During Faith Food and Fun I have arranged for Father Justin to be a guest speaker for the 7th Grade as they will be participating in a mini retreat that day here at the parish center.

The 2nd Grade Received First Penance on Saturday March 5th at 10:00am with Father Sean providing the service. Immediately following, the 7th Grade hosted a Brunch for the 2nd Graders and their Families. The day was enjoyed by all whom attended. I got a lot of complements on the day by parents and grandparents alike.

Mass attendance is on the upswing. But I would like to see more participation with that. I will still be addressing this issue from time to time with the parents.

I have received the packet on Bible Camp and am in the process of choosing a theme for the week.

I am holding my next catechist meeting on Monday March 28th at 6:30pm as to make it convenient for all to attend. Many of the catechists are away for vacation to week prior and time is crucial at this point. Topics to be discussed will be on Bible Camp , changing our books to a different company, as a few catechists stressed they are not happy with the current literature, and a fire drill which I have been in contact with the Bloomingburg Fire Dept. to help run during one of our classes in April., .

I have taken in a few more payments. I now have 5 families with balances. Total income collected as of March 2016 is: \$ 3325.00. Balance left to collect: \$ 390.00

Registration applications have gone out to the families on Tuesday March 1st with an early Bird Special in Prices for the Families.

As of this point in time I have successfully completed 6 of the 11 Basic Training Classes that are Mandatory for Religious Education Coordinator, Theses classes are held on Saturdays from 2-8 pm in Ossining NY at the Maryknoll , By June I will have 3 left to complete. Also I have two Classes left to complete my Level 1 Training as a catechist's of which I hope to complet5e by August. And I will be beginning Level 2 Classes in the mix of it all.as well.

Respectfully Submitted,

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