

Religious Education Program

Parish Council Report

November 2017

The Religious Education Program has been very busy thus far. On Saturday October 14th we held our Youth Mass followed by a bake sale. Proceeds from the sale went to our Pantry. We collected \$200.00 for the pantry.

I attended the Catechetical Forum that was held in Monroe on October 28th, from 10a-4p.

The Level 7 Confirmation Class participated in their required Retreat on Saturday October 28 from 7:00-8:30 pm at Our LADY OF Mount Carmel. The Guest Speaker for the evening was Frank Runion. He spoke to the children on the Topic Hollywood vs. Faith. He was wonderful and hit on all topic areas for the children's level on how magazines, celebrities, and movies and commercials poison the minds of children and adults as well, and how we should try and deal with real life and not try to use Hollywood as a guide. It was an excellent presentation.

On November 4th, from 2:30-5:00p, we held our Family Catechesis. The topic for the afternoon was learning about Saint Francis Xavier Mother Cabrini. The children also decorated the boxes for the food pantry clients, as well as a card to present to the families. The children also enjoyed the snacks of candied apples, cider and cinnamon sugared donuts. This was followed by a Youth Mass at 5:30pm. They all had a great time.

This past Sunday November 12th at the 9:30 am Mass we had the honor of having Most Reverend Bishop Dominick Lagonegro confirm our Level 9 Candidates. The mass was beautiful and the children loved sharing time with the Bishop. This level will now be continuing on until May as a Youth Group comprising of Community Service Projects of their choice. In May they will then receive their certificates.

This Thursday November 16th will be the completion of my first semester of Advanced Leadership Training. This is a Three year Program with an additional year of observation by Sister Kevin John the Regional Director of Religious Education.

We have planned On December 3rd. from 10:30-12:30p Snack with Saint Nicholas for the children of the Parish. All are welcome to attend. Levels 7, 8 &9 will be participating in helping with the festivities.

On Monday December 4th at 7:00p, I will be holding my Quarterly Catechist Meeting.

Tuesday December 5th from 5:30p-8:00p we will be holding reconciliation for Levels3-9 Parents are welcome.

On December 9th, Levels 7, 8 & 9 will also be participating in baking the cookies for the Live Nativity , as well as helping hand out the Hot Cocoa and the cookies that evening. We are also going to providing a

Children's Craft Corner where the Religious Education Children will be helping the little ones with crafts, puzzles and coloring stations.

On Tuesday December 12th from 6:30- 8:00p we will be holding open house for the parents of religious education. The children will be learning about Our Lady of Guadeloupe as it is her Feast Day that day. I am also tossing in my mind to explain to the children that that day also marks the beginning of Chanukah, The Festival of Lights. Along with cookies and Hot Cocoa 😊

The Christmas Pageant is underway with Mildred Pitt as its Coordinator, which will be held on Christmas Eve, the (children's mass)

So far we have 31 Families Registered in our program. I have collected a total of \$ 3225.00. The balance due to the program is \$ 1475.00. We have 51 children enrolled. I will be calling the 8 families within the next week as a reminder of their outstanding balances due.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Herschel, CRE