

Our Lady of the Assumption

Religious Education Program

Parish Council Report

December 2017

This December has been another busy month for the Religious Education Program.

On December 3, 2017 we held Snack with Saint Nicholas. We had a very nice turn out. There were over 60 people in attendance. Gail Lewis did a beautiful job reading to the children the story of Saint Nicholas as Saint Nick appeared!!! All enjoyed their time together as a family; and learning about another important saint.

I held a catechists meeting on Monday December 4, 2017. We had a very constructive meeting and have implemented a family catechesis portion to the program. The parents will receive a review sheet from the end of the section taught by the catechist each week. This will help parents understand what their children are learning a refresh themselves at the same time. Along with this it will help give parents and children a chance to have quality time with each other.

On Tuesday December 5, 2017 we held Reconciliation for levels 4-8. Thank you Father Paul, Father Anthony, Father Gus, Father Sean, and Father Tim for coming to participate in this Sacrament for the children and their families.

On Tuesday December 5, 2017, the Level 9 Students participated in baking cookies for the Live Nativity to be held on Saturday December 9, 2017.

On Tuesday December 5, 2017 students who participated in the poster contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" handed in their posters. I am happy to announce that the judging was held on Friday December 8, 2017 and Our Lady of the Assumption had two First Place Winners. Ella Harget- Level 1, and Delaney Booth- Level 7. They will both be recognized at the Knights Annual Christmas Party on Friday December 15, 2017. We had 8 students participate this year.

On December 9, 2017, the Religious Education Children and Parents were planning on attending and volunteering to help at the Live Nativity; however it had been cancelled due to the weather. Upon calling all the families to explain that the Live Nativity had been cancelled, many families were very disappointed. Many of the families had baked cookies to bring that evening and were looking forward to the event.

I have given it some thought as to what I should do with all the cookies these parents have generously and tirelessly made for this event, so I'm asking if the Religious Education Program may sell these cookies after both masses on the 16th & 17th of December and the proceeds will be donated to

The Federation for the Homeless in Monticello, NY.

On Tuesday December 12, 2017, is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Religious Education Families will also be receiving their children's Report Cards. The Children will learn about Our Lady of Guadalupe, Saint Juan Diego, and Chanukah. Hot Cocoa and cookies will be provided.

Tuesday December 17, 2017 will be our last class before the Christmas break. Classes resume on Tuesday January 2, 2018.

Mildred Pitt has a very nice group participating in the Christmas Pageant this year. She has handed out the costumes, and is planning a rehearsal for Sunday December 18, 2017 after the 9:30 Mass.

I am still at the same amount collected as last month. \$ 3225.00. With a balance of \$ 1475.00 still to collect. I have mailed out another statement to the 8 families that still have a balance.

However, I am happy to report that the gift shop has made \$ 46.00 in sales over the past few weekends selling advent wreaths, candles and other religious articles.

January 2018 seems to be a quieter Month. A Youth Mass is set with a Bake Sale on the 21st of January 9:30 Mass.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Herschel, CRE