

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

The Religious Education Program has been very busy this month. We only had one snow day in the Month of January.

On January 21<sup>st</sup>, Religious Education held its Youth Mass and Bake Sale. The Youth Mass was well attended and the children did a great job. We raised \$200.00 for St. Baldrick's Children's Cancer Hospital.

The Level 9 Confirmation Children held its first Family Movie Night. IT was well attended the Movie shown was Home Alone. We had close to 40 people in attendance. All who came had a great time and enjoyed the pizza and snacks as well. The level 9 children are planning another family event after the Lenten season and Easter is complete.

They are also looking into participating in a Passover Meal with the Rabi at Temple Saini in Middletown, as well as possibly visiting other denominations of Religions.

I have reserved the Day and time for the Confirmation Class in 2019 with Bishop Lagronegro, for Sunday November 3, 2019 at 9:30 am Mass.

On Tuesday January 23rd, the entire religious education program did a service project. The children made hearts out of candy canes, decorated them along with making and decorating cards, which were delivered to Castle Point Veterans Hospital/ Nursing Home. These were distributed to the veterans and the nursing home patients, as a thoughtful gesture in remembering them on Valentines. The children also had a Catechesis on who St Valentine is and brought home information on him as well as a prayer card to St. Valentine.

This past Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup>, we held another youth Mass. This again was well attended and the children did a great job. Our Bake sale to benefit the Propagation of the Faith will be receiving \$ 232.25, and counting. We still have a little peppermint bark and valentine day candles left for sale. This will add to our donation.

I have completed giving information to Mt. Carmel on the sacraments received by our Religious Education children, whom are in our program at the present time. I have begun recording information on the children whom have already received and are out of the program. I hope to have all of this done by the end of 2018.

I have completed updating the Registration forms for 2018/2019 year and will be holding registration in March for Returning Families as well as new families.

The children are learning this week about Ash Wednesday as well as the Stations of the Cross. Each child last week went home with a Lenten box. The money raised from this initiative will be donated to the Warming Station for the Homeless in Middletown.

I handed a letter out to all families inviting them to attend the Ash Wednesday Mass as well as the Stations of the Cross of the Lenten season.

I will be speaking to the last two families who still have a balance for this year. That total is \$ 275.00.

On Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be holding our Spring Family Catechesis form 2:30pm-5:00pm followed by a Youth Mass.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Herschel, CRE