

Our Lady of the Assumption

Religious Education Program

Parish Council Report

March 2018

Religious Education thus far for the Month of March had its Family Catechesis and Youth Mass Cancelled due to the Nor'easter and power outage. I am looking into another day to hopefully reschedule this catechesis for some time in April.

The level 3 children whom are receiving their First Penance and First Holy Communion participated in our first held mini retreat. The children enjoyed the day. They painted and decorated chalices, took a tour/visit of the church, led by Father Anthony. He did an awesome job with the children. They received a lot of information from the meanings of the stained glass windows to the color of the vestments. Next we proceeded back over to the parish center where the children reenacted a Passover Seder, and the last supper. Again Father Anthony did a beautiful job explaining the history of the Jewish faith and of course our faith. They ate and enjoyed. A BIG thank you goes to Father Anthony for his time and knowledge.

The First Holy Communion children will be receiving their First penance this Saturday March 17th at 10:00am followed by a reception, hosted by the level 7, 8 & 9 children.

Reconciliation for levels 4-9 will be held on Tuesday March 20th from 6:45-8:00. Parents are welcome to attend.

I will be attending the Fast Feast at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center on Friday March 16th.

There will be no religious education classes on Tuesday March 27th due to the Easter Break.

I will be contacting Mr. Larry Arnold within the next week set a date for our spring fire drill, which is a safe environment by the archdioceses.

I have been in contact with a drama company to portray the Passion of Christ. Father Paul and I came up with a time and day for this production. On Sunday April 8th at 4:00pm the Xavier Company will be coming to OLA to do a musical drama of the Passion. The title is "NO GREATER LOVE". It will be held in the church, followed by light refreshments in the parish center lower level. I will be asking religious

education families and possibly the Knights of Columbus to participate in making and serving food items. Also, Beth will be inviting our surrounding parishes to attend.

At the present time, and with a heavy heart, I am not taking advanced leadership training courses. Sister Teresita dismissed me from the course due to my tardiness and said that I needed to choose what my priorities are. I.e. Pantry vs. Religious Education. The semester I took last year will be applied to my future education, when I decide to continue. She did refund the tuition to the parish.

Respectfully submitted,

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