

Our Lady of the Assumption
Religious Education Program
Parish Council Report Feb. 2019

The Religious Education Program has been busy helping our community this winter. We have been able to donate Socks, Blankets, towels, Toiletries etc. To benefit the Homeless at the Warming Station in Middletown as well as the Federation for the Homeless in Monticello.

We also raised \$115.00 from our Bake Sale which was held this past Sunday, which benefitted St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

The Youth Mass this past Sunday February 10th was wonderful. Those who participated in the readings did an exceptional job as well as the children in the choir, who sang to their hearts content. I had so many parishioners this past Sunday compliment the children on a job well done.

We have had two snow days thus far. I still have three snow days left to use for the year. I'm anticipating that we will be fine with our 30-class requirement for the year.

I have submitted the Safe Environment Report to the Regional Office.

Saturday March 2nd will be Family Catechesis, The Theme is "What does Mardi Gras, Pretzels and Prayer have to do with Lent?". It will be followed by a Youth Mass and Bake Sale.

On Saturday March 9th, the Level 8 children will be participating on their Confirmation Retreat at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel from 9:30-2:00. Catechist Kim Grzybek and I will be attending as well.

On Sunday March 10th at 4:00pm the Xavier Company from NYC will be performing Who Shall I Send? It is again a Free Will Offering After the performance. Followed by a Pasta Dinner Catered by John Botti.

On Saturday March 16th, at 10:00am the Level 3 children will be receiving First Penance followed by a lite brunch. At the parish center lower level. Letters have been mailed to the parents.

I have Registration Applications ready for distribution beginning on Tuesday March 5th.

I am already working on Vacation Bible Camp to be held in June.

I will be starting the Advanced Leadership Training Classes again this coming Thursday Feb. 14th at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Middletown.

I have not received any more payments from the 5 families who owe money for the 2018/2019 tuition. I have mailed out letters with their balances, so I will now begin my phone calls and face to face contacting at Tuesday evenings classes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Herschel, CRE