

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

The Religious Education Program held Family Catechesis on Saturday March 2nd. The Theme was What do Mardi Gras Pretzels and Prayer have to do with Lent?" All who came had a Great time. The children learned what Mardi Gras stands for, the meaning and representation of the colors are, we spoke about the Ash Wednesday and its meaning. We talked about the Pretzel, its history. The children made pretzels, prayer Rocks, Mardi Gras masks, enjoyed treats such as pancakes, Mardi Gras Cake, straight from Louisiana broccoli cheddar soup, and other goodies to go along with the theme. They had fun, they had a Mardi Gras parade around the lower level of the parish center marching to the song "When the Saints Come Marching In"! Tyler Odell also came to sing a song for the youth mass which followed thereafter. We also held a bake sale with the proceeds donated to Propagation of the Faith. The bake sale yielded \$110.00.

On Tuesday March 5th, Registration Applications were handed out to returning families.

On Saturday March 9th the Confirmation Class Participated in the required retreat at The Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Middletown. The children met with other confirmandi from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and other surrounding area Religious Education Programs. It was an excellent program for the children. As we left, I asked them how did they like it, they had a good time, and found it to be enlightening; as they continue their Faith journey towards Confirmation.

On Sunday March 10th, The Xavier Company Came for the performance "Who Shall I Send". The performance was beautiful, as last year the performers were a joy to watch. They are truly gifted by God. We had a nice crowd despite the weather, and all enjoyed the pasta dinner which was catered by John Botti. As always, his food is delicious. I am looking forward into having them come back again next year for another performance. Carol Ferrone will be in contact with me.

On Saturday March 16th at 10:00am, the level 3 children will be receiving their First Penance, followed by a brunch for the children and their families.

On Wed, April 10th, 6:30-8:00pm, the Religious Education children in Level 6,7 & 8 along with the OLA Parishioners are invited to hear Rabbi Rubenstein speak on Passover, it's meaning the foods at a

sedar and their meanings as well. This should be a very informative evening. Refreshments will be provided.

I have received payment from three more families collected thus far \$ 4335.00. Remaining Balance \$330.00. I have spoken to these people, they know they have balances due, and will be getting them cleaned up before the end of the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Herschel, CRE