

Our Lady of the Assumption
Religious Education Program
November 2019

The Youth mass which was held on Saturday October 26th was well attended and the children did a wonderful job. Thank you to Tyler Odell who arranged the music for the children during mass.

The Bake Sale raised over 200.00 towards the OLA Food Pantry.

I have noticed a drop-in mass participation for the religious education families, so I mailed out to those families who have not been participating a letter reminding them of the importance of mass participation.

Our next Youth Mass is scheduled for Saturday November 16th.

Family Catechesis is scheduled for Saturday November 16th. The Saint which will be covered is Saint Gertrude the Great, followed by the children preparing and decorating the boxes used for the Pantry clients Thanksgiving Baskets which will be distributed on November 23rd.

Also, on November 23rd the Level 8 children will be signing their Rite of Enrollment Contracts. This is their first step into becoming candidates for confirmation.

On Saturday November 2nd the Level 8 soon to be confirmation candidates participated in a workshop, to work on their Saint report. 5 of the 7 children participated. They were able to get started on their reports which will make the process of the final to be of help to them.

This past Sunday we had the honor of having Bishop Lagronegro come to celebrate mass for the level 9 Confirmation candidates. The mass was beautiful, I have received numerous compliments from the parishioners who attended. Bishop Lagronegro was impressed with the robes which the candidates wore. Thank you to the Gabarini donation for religious education to have the opportunity to purchase these robes.

On Tuesday November 5th we held our first Lock-Down Drill for the year. All went well. I am awaiting a report summary from Mike Perry on how we can improve the drill for the spring.

On Saturday November 23rd one of the level 1 children will be baptized into the parish.

I am now working with another two families on baptizing their children.

As well as continuing my lessons with three children on the weekends.

I am very happy to report that the Religious Education Program is growing! We now have 60 children enrolled into our program!!

I have so far collected \$3685.00 towards registration with a balance of \$ 1880.00. Letters have been mailed to those families.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Herschel, CRE