

Our Lady of the Assumption  
Religious Education Program  
Parish Council Report  
November 2023

On Tuesday October 24<sup>th</sup>, besides the Confirmation Parent meeting, the Religious Education children learned about Hallows eve, All Saints Day, All Souls Day, and what an Intension is. The children also created bunches of Grapes which had inscribed intensions on them, who are what they are praying for, or holding in their heart. Those grapes were then used as a Visio Divino on the Altar for the November 4<sup>th</sup> Youth Mass, which was a passage taken from the Bible, "I am the vine You are the Branches." Thank You Father Paul Richmond for coming and Thank You Ted Wall for making the prop for the designed artwork.

On Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup>, a few catechists and I attended the Forum hosted by the Archdioceses of New York. The Keynote speaker was author, writer, and advisor on the USCCB Board, Juliana Stack. She was quite enlightening and brought forth enthusiasm & passion for the Eucharist. Those who went enjoyed the day.

The classes for the Level 7 & 8 children which were held at Saint Josephs Church on October 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> went well. Father Paul Richmond gave inspiration to us all. He will be coming to OLA to meet with the Level 8 children as they have further questions on topics which were not discussed in the classes. We are looking forward to having him come soon.

The Lock down drill has been changed to Tuesday November 21<sup>st</sup> due to a few conflicts in the program.

Faith Food & Fun "Eucharistic Revival" went well. Thank You to Gary Texter & Father Marlon for a wonderful afternoon of inspiration and information. The group spoke openly of reasons why they feel parishioners have stopped going to mass or do not go to mass at all. It was enlightening. I have spoken with Father Paul DeNault on the topics which have been brought up. The day ended with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

On Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup> the children made Thanksgiving Day cards, wrapped, and decorated Boxes for the Pantry Clients Thanksgiving Day Baskets. The children learned what it is to be grateful, and thankful for what they have, and how to share it with others.

This Tuesday the children and catechists will be heading over to the Church for a tour (using the game "I Spy" of the church as well as a tutorial on the parts of the Mass, and end with Adoration.

December, the children will be preparing for Advent. We will be lighting the Advent wreath each week.

Respectfully Submitted,

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