

CATECHIST AND AIDES NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS

March 3-4

Grade 3 catechists

This weekend for catechists/aides who teach Grade 3, I have included information in your folders to begin to discuss and plan for the Grade 3 level Mass with your students. This Mass is scheduled for Sunday, March 17th at the 10:30am Mass. There is also attached a sign-up sheet for students to indicate how they would like to participate. Since it is also St. Patrick's Day if you would like students to be incorporate something related to St. Patrick that would be nice.

Guest Speakers at RE classes

A representative from St. Vincent de Paul will be speaking to students in Grades 1-5. During regular classes, all students will be given Mite Boxes to help the St. Vincent de Paul Society for a Lenten service project. These should be returned by Palm Sunday.

Ms. Jura Greely, will visit and speak with students in Grades 8-10 regarding Steubenville East. Students wishing to participate should contact Mrs. Farland.

March 6

ASH WEDNESDAY LENT BEGINS

Masses w/distribution of ashes	8:00am	St. Mary
	12:00 noon	St. Philip
	7:00pm	St. Mary

March 9-11

Religious Education Registration for Academic Year 2019-2020

At St. Mary: Registration will be held after all weekend Masses and forms will be available in the Gathering Space during class time on Sunday from 9:15-10:15am and Monday from 4:30-5:30pm. At St. Philip forms will be available all day on Sunday March 11th. Help is needed to cover registration tables. If you can help us out, please contact Jill or Darleen for St. Mary and Carole for St. Philip.

March 10-11

Second Round of Diocesan Inventories

Catechists/Aides are asked to take class time for students to complete the spring round of the diocesan inventories. If you prefer to break up the inventory and have students do sections over a couple of classes that is fine also. Or for those of you with younger students, you can choose to perhaps give them the questions orally and have the aide help in having students write down the responses on the paper. There is room for flexibility here so if you have thoughts/ideas on how this might work better for your particular class, please let me know. Once students have completed the inventory, they are to be collected and returned to me in the folders. For those students who might be absent, please mark their names on a blank copy of the inventory and should plan on having that student take the inventory the following week on March 17-18th.

March 10 **Grade 6 Gathering Day (for those students who have not completed previous gathering day) 9am-3pm St. Philip (includes Mass)**

March 11 **Grafton schools have ½ day. RE classes still scheduled 4:30-5:30pm**

March 11-13 **Lenten Parish Mission begins**

Dr. Nicki Verploegen will speak on Our Lady: Undoer of Knots

7:00pm

March 11-St. Mary

Prayer Service

March 12-St. Philip

Mass

March 13-St. James

Reconciliation Service

March 13 **First Eucharist Cluster Parent Meeting 7:00pm St. Mary Hall**

Guest speaker: Mr. Kevin Dowd followed by information meeting.

March 17 **Grade 3 Level Mass 10:30am St. Mary church**

Grade 7 Gathering Day (for those students who have not completed previous gathering day) 9am-3pm St. Philip (includes Mass)

Month's Mind Memorial Mass for Sr. Yvonne Millman 2:00pm

St. Mary church

Coffee and...following

Steubenville East Parent Informational Meeting

6:15pm St. Philip church

March 17-18 **Make ups for 2nd round of Diocesan Inventories**

March 22 Youth Group Lenten Fish Dinner

When: Friday, March 22, 2019

Time: 6-8pm

Where: St. Mary's Parish Hall

What: Choice of fish or mac-n-cheese full dinner.

Tickets: On sale at all 3 Parishes after all Masses

the weekends of 3/9 and 3/16 or click below

<http://signup.com/go/jginYkX>



March 24 **Grade 8 Gathering Day (for those students who have not completed previous gathering day) 9am-3pm St. Philip (includes Mass)**

March 24-25 **Grades 1-5 Stations of the Cross**

During Lent we pray the Stations of the Cross and invite students and their families to join us upstairs in the church. For both these days, we will meet as usual and students will go to class for the first 15 minutes so that attendance can be taken. At 9:30am on Sunday, and 4:45pm on Monday, catechists and aides should bring their classes upstairs to the church for the Stations which will be led by Lori Dewar.

March 31/April 1	Haiti Easter Card Project		
	Students will be asked to make Easter Cards for Haitian students in our twinned parish, St. Peter & Paul in Les Coteau, Haiti.		
	Grade 5 Guest Speakers		
	Grafton Community Youth Group representatives will come to speak with Grade 5 students.		
April 6	First Communion Retreat	9:00am-12:30pm	St. Mary Hall/Kitchen
April 7-8	Last regular RE classes		
	Deadline for 40th Anniversary Special Project from each class		
	Stuebenville East Student Meeting	5:30pm	St. Philip
April 10	First Communion Parent Meeting-banners	7:00pm	St. Mary Hall
April 14	LENT/EASTER FAMILY GATHERING EVENT for all students and families		
	Like our Epiphany Event earlier this year, we invite students and families to gather for a special Lent/Easter event. We begin at 9:15-10:20am downstairs with hands-on activities for both students and parents. Our older students are also invited to help with these activities. At the 10:30am Mass we join in our procession of Palms for Palm Sunday. A special Children's Liturgy of the Word will also be taking place. After Mass we will have a light luncheon available for families and participate in an Easter Egg Hunt (prizes awarded).		
April 18	Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00pm St. Mary
April 19	Good Friday	Stations of the Cross	3:00pm St. Mary
		Reading of the Passion	
		/Veneration of the Cross	7:00pm St. Mary
April 20	Easter Vigil	7:30pm	St. Mary
April 21	Easter Sunday	7:30am	St. Mary
		9:00am	St. Philip
		10:30am	St. Mary
April 28	Fr. Leo's 40th Anniversary Celebration		3:00pm St. Mary
	Followed by reception at St. James Hall		
April 30	First Communion Rehearsal	5:30pm (readers)	St. Philip
	for May 5th liturgy	6:00pm (everyone else)	St. Philip
May 4	First Communion Retreat Make Up date		
May 5	First Communion Mass	8:30am (students meet Mrs. Farland)	
		9:00am liturgy	St. Philip

May 7	First Communion Rehearsal For May 11 th liturgy	5:30pm (readers) St. Mary 6:00pm (everyone else) St. Mary
May 11 th	First Communion Mass	3:30pm (students meet Mrs. Farland) 4:00pm liturgy St. Mary



CATECHISTS AND AIDES—THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR FAITHFUL DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT IN HELPING OUR YOUNG CHURCH COME TO KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST. YOUR GENEROSITY IN SHARING YOURSELF, YOUR TIME, YOUR TALENTS, ETC. ARE INVALUABLE IN BRINGING OUR STUDENTS TO ENCOUNTER CHRIST. NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POSITIVE DIFFERENCE YOU MAKE IN THEIR FAITH JOURNEY. YOU ALL ARE SUCH A BLESSING IN MY LIFE. THANK YOU!!!