



December 2008 January 2009

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us...John 1:14

STEWARDSHIP

For all the classes that made Thanksgiving baskets and gave of their time, talent, and treasure, you are true stewards to those in need.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN GRADES 1 - 8

CHARITY Again this year we ask that your children bring in the following items to be distributed at Eva's Kitchen. They will definitely appreciate whatever you are able to give.

Deodorant - Men and women Disposable razors and shaving creme
Hand lotion Shampoo Soap Tooth brushes and toothpaste

These items can be brought to class during December. Please try to make buying and giving of the gifts spiritually enriching by praying for these people who are far less fortunate than us.

We are also asking that each child bring to each class during December, a non-perishable food item so that we may help feed the less fortunate. Thank you.

Christmas Concert: Sunday, December 21st at 3:30 p.m. in Church. Come join us for the sounds of Christmas!

Used Toy Drive: OLV is collecting gently used toys after all the masses on December 20-21 for children in the Paterson area.

MAKE-UP WORK ~ Reminder: It is the parents' responsibility to get the make-up work when your child is absent. Please ask the teacher for the work that was missed because of an absence.

Mark the Date! Woman's Cornerstone—February 6-7, 2009. A form is attached. Please join us!

Please Help ~ Religious Education is in need of empty baby food jars measuring 2 1/2" high (usually stage 2). Please be sure the jars are clean and without labels or lids. Jars can be brought to Parish Center porch. We really appreciate and thank you for your help.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS



- Students were to bring their **completed** Reconciliation books to class on December 6th.
- **First Reconciliation Retreat Day** is January 10, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Fr. Rugel Hall
- **First Reconciliation** ~ Friday, January 23, 2009, 7:30 p.m. ~ Last names beginning A-H
~ Saturday, January 24, 2009, 10:00 a.m. ~ Last Names I-Z.
- **Volunteers** needed the weeks of January 5th thru January 9th in the Religious Education office to prepare for the Retreat Day—Please call 973-696-8307 x 1503, if you can help us.
- **Reminder:** First Eucharist Parent Meeting is Tuesday, February 10, 2009~7:15 p.m. in Church.

GRADES 1 - 4

Classes for December/ January: Saturday 9:00—11:15 a.m.

December 13 - Barbara Stichter's class will be leading us in prayer.
Theme: Celebrating Jesus.





Grades 1 - 4 cont.

January 31, 2009 - Liz Meringer's class will be leading us in prayer. Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28
Theme: Jesus teaches in the temple.

****Teacher's Pot Luck Dinner: Grades 1-8 Monday, January 12, 2009**

Please make every effort to attend! Pot Luck Dinner is 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Fr. Rugel Hall with a nationally known speaker, Sr. Carol Jean Willie. Subject to be discussed is teaching children with different learning styles. RSVP by January 7th to mramsdn@olvwayne.org or call (973) 696-8307 x 1243, and let us know what you are bringing.



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Grades 5 - 8

Drop Off Procedures: For the **SAFETY** of your children, please do not let children out of the car until you get to the last crossing guard, which is located by the trailers. **Do Not** drop off alongside the church or at the corner. **Kindly** follow the directions of the crossing guards to avoid the risk of your child being hit by a car. Thank you.

Parents, please join us at 8:10 p.m. for prayer in the church.
Classes for December: Monday's 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Dec. 15 - Cindy Kady's class will be leading us in prayer. Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38,
Theme: Annunciation

THE BIG QUESTION

- Grade 5 12/15 Do I keep my promises?
- Grade 6 12/15 Who helps me to heal when I am suffering?
- Grade 7 12/15 What connects me to a community?
- Grade 8 12/15 What are the most important things in my life?

NOTE: There are NO classes in January
NEXT CLASS IS: February 2nd, 2009



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The Religious Education Office will close for Christmas & New Year's at Noon on December 23rd and reopen on Monday, January 5th, 2009.



God's Blessings,

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We wish all of you a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year!

