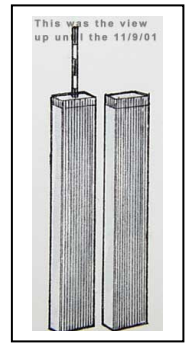


OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2009



Dear Parents,

We welcome you to a wonderful year of spiritual growth and religious education. We are excited about having the opportunity to journey with your children and you as we progress through the year.

The 2009-2010 calendar and policy and procedures are available on our website. Please take some time to review the dates in it and mark all the dates that apply to your child(ren). www.olvwayne.org

The Religious Education Department has an open door policy; please feel free to contact us whenever there is a need. Thank you.

To help with the prevention of germs being spread, please have your child bring Purell or hand sanitizing wipes to **each class**.

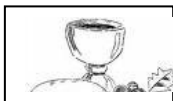
Please note – In accordance with Protecting God’s Children Guidelines, all teachers are fingerprinted, have background checks, attended a Protecting God’s Children program and have signed Diocesan Compliance Forms. Check website frequently for date of the next Protecting God’s Children program.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD – This is a wonderful program for children age 4 to grade 3 while they attend mass on Sundays at 10 AM. The children are taken out of the church before the First Reading and return before the Offertory. While in a separate room the children hear the Word of God at a level they can understand and it is explained to them at their level. We are in **need** of parents to help with moving the children and with presenting the Word to the children. If you are interested please contact Clare Clark at 973-694-3975 or clarkc@optonline.net.

CHILDREN’S CHOIR – Children in grades 2-8 are invited to join. Rehearsals will be on Thursdays, 3:30-4:45 PM in the Church, beginning on Sept. 24. One parent/guardian must attend the first rehearsal in order to register your child. Call Marian Szal at 973-595-6296 or mndluvu2@aol.com for more information.

RICE BOWL – Religious Education donated over \$1000. Kudos to all who helped in this cause!

2009 First Eucharist Collection was donated to the Holy Childhood. 91 children donated \$2714.08.



SACRAMENTAL NEWS

GRADE 1 - Parent Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2009 in Fr. Rugel Hall 7:30-9:00 PM. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

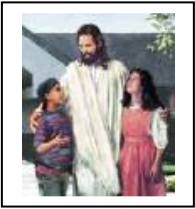
GRADE 2 – First Reconciliation Parent Meeting. You need to attend only one session: Option I **or** Option II.

Option I to meet on Oct. 17, 9:15-10:30 AM in Fr. Rugel Hall.

Option II to meet on Oct. 20, 7:15-9:00 PM in Fr. Rugel Hall.

If you need babysitting, please contact the Rel. Ed. Office.

You will be notified of First Eucharist Mass times and dates after they are drawn sometime in the Fall.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

GRADES 1-4 - Check our website for the calendar and information. www.olvwayne.org

→ **Classes begin on Saturday, September 19, 9:00-11:15 AM** ←

Teachers should be contacting you with your child's room number.

Class assignments will be posted in the following locations:

Grade 1 – in hallway next to Teachers' Room on 1st floor. Grade 2 – School lobby by Church doors.

Grade 3 – bulletin board in hallway by kitchen.

Grade 4 – in hallway leading to parish hall.

October 3rd class 9:00-11:15 am - Mrs. Ramsden/Kratzer/Colonna's class will be leading the prayer service.

October 17th class 9:00-11:15 am - Mrs. Cordero/Hubinger's class will be leading the prayer service.

Parents - Please attend our prayer service each week at 10:30am in the Church.



GRADES 5-8 – Check our website for the calendar and information. www.olvwayne.org

→ **Classes begin on Monday, October 5, 7:00-8:30 PM.** ←

Parents – Please attend the opening session from 7:00-7:30. Walk your child to their assigned classroom and join the class for thirty minutes for prayer and an informative meeting. Coffee available afterwards in the kitchen, please join us, we would like to meet you!

Class assignments will be listed in the following locations:

Grade 5 – in hallway next to Teachers' Room on 1st floor. Grade 6 – School lobby by Church doors.

Grade 7 – bulletin board in hallway by the kitchen.

Grade 8 – In hallway leading to Fr. Rugel Hall.

October 19th class 7:00 – 8:30 pm - Mr. Elia's class will lead us in the prayer service.

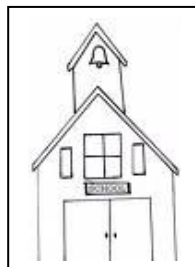
October 26th class 7:00 – 8:30 pm - Mrs. Milone's class will lead us in the prayer service

Prayer Services – parents please join us each night in the church at 8 PM. Outside doors will be locked at 8:10 for safety reasons. 5th grade will be dismissed from their classrooms. 6th grade will be dismissed from the church. 7th and 8th grade will be dismissed from Fr. Rugel Hall.

The **BIG QUESTION** – will be posted on our website. The Big Question will give you a hint as to what your child is covering in class each night. The Big Question will help you to begin a conversation about yours and your child's faith journey.

God's Blessings to you and your family,

Sharon Crenshaw, DRE
Pastoral Associate
Faith Formation ~ Children



Mary Ramsden, DRE
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