



# SEPTEMBER 2008

## We Remember

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 2008-2009 calendar (new format) is enclosed. Please take some time to review the dates in it and mark all the dates that apply to your child(ren).

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

*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. Next opportunity to attend Protecting God’s Children will be on **Thursday, October 2, at 7:30 PM, in Fr. Rugel Hall.** RSVP by Sept. 29 to Rel. Ed. Office, 973-696-8307 or mramsdn@olvwayne.org.*

There is still a need for teachers in all grades except 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please consider sharing your faith with our children. Lesson plans are already made for you. You will receive training and support. We need teachers in an effort to keep the student to teacher ratio at a manageable level.

**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.

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## SACRAMENTAL NEWS

**Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>** - First Reconciliation Parent Meeting – 7:15-9 P.M. in Church. One parent must attend this required meeting.

*Post cards with First Eucharist mass assignments will be mailed home this Fall.*



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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Kudos to the following students who had perfect attendance last year!

(Our apologies if we left anyone out!)

**Grade 1:** Jaye Bargeman, Rachael Bussanich, Laura Cardona, Emily Carvalho, Joseph Dale, Nicolas Di Virgilio, Jordan Falcone, Sophia Ferrara, Sean Furtek, Stephanie Giannini, Juilanna Infantino, Nicole Lampariello, Rachel Mahon, Joseph Melendez, Jillian and Taylor Menzel, Samantha Milone, MacKenzie Moore, Julia Ricciardi, Nicola Trani, Gabriella Wintrode, Garrett Zwier.

**Grade 2:** Samantha Bailey, Matthew and Michael Blumenberg, John Boscarino, Alyssa and Amanda Bussanich, Dominic Cancellieri, Julia Cordaro, Matthew Costanzo, Tyler DiMaio, Daniel DiZuzio, Richard Essig, Jessica Ferner, Genna Gatta, Christopher Gencarelli, Kayla Hemming, Danielle Hunczak, Christina Marini, Daniella Messercola, Ian Minervini, Victoria Nuzzi, Jessica Oliveros, Ariana Pugliese, Samantha Ramsden, Alyson Sauter, Jeremy Suszczynski, Michaela VanDerVelden, Daniel Wegman, Andrew Weland, Kayla Zisa.

**Grade 3:** Ralph Calitre, Zachary Calascio, Amanda Croce, Andrew Fanelli, James Galioto, Christian Greene, Yashira Montesino, Jessica Pike, Danielle Risi, Ben Snyder, John Stadler.

**Grade 4:** Anthony Beninati, Giovanna Boscarino, Keith Butler, Marina Cardona, Alexa Fant, Jenna Horbatuk, Yukiko Jaeger, Michelle Lampariello, Peter Leva, Nicole Mahon, George Massood, Shannon Plunkett, Nicole Rasa, Alyssa Ross, Philip Russo, Anna Simone.

**Grade 5:** Patrick Astarita, Matthew Babich, Elijah Barnes, Nicolette Bussanich, Jonathan Colella, Brianna D’Aloisio, Nicholas DeLucia, Connor Dorgan, Jacquelyn Hogan, Taylor Kratzer, Michael Ludwig, Marissa Maguire, Victoria Mayer, Matthew Morano, Marc Pfister, Nicholas Tobias, Matthew Vacca.

**Grade 6:** Brandon Davis, Michael Repice, Jeffrey Van DeMark, Brooke Zwier.

**Grade 7:** Brian Herrick, Deanna Hoy.

**Grade 8:** Christopher Conforti, Michael Giannini, Valerie Wolak.

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### TEACHERS’ NEWS

**Teachers’ Workshop** – Reminder: Saturday, Sept. 13, registration starts at 8:30, at St. Philip’s in Clifton.

**Teachers’ Meeting** – Please make every effort to attend this mandatory meeting for grades 1-8<sup>th</sup>, Monday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-9 PM in Parish Hall.

**New Teacher Orientation** - If you are new to teaching in the Religious Education program or you haven’t taught in our program in a while, please attend this **very important meeting**. If you are an assistant teacher or part of a team of teachers, this meeting is for you as well. **DATE:** Monday, Sept. 22, 7-9 PM. Grades 1-4 meet in the meeting room in the Parish Center, grades 5-8 meet in the Youth Room.

**We will have a Blessing of Catechists at all weekend liturgies September 20/21.**

**Protecting God’s Children** - Any teacher that has not yet had fingerprinting or watched the informative videos, **must attend on Thursday, October 2, at 7:30 PM, in Fr. Rugel Hall.** RSVP by Sept. 29 to Rel. Ed. Office, 973-696-8307 or mramsdn@olvwayne.org.

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#### GRADES 1-4

Saturdays 9:00-11:15 a.m.

➤ **Our opening program will begin on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-11:15 a.m.**

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

Class assignments will be posted in the following locations: Grade 1 – in hallway next to Teachers’ Room on 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Grade 2 – School lobby by Church doors. Grade 3 – Parish Hall. Grade 4 – Modular Unit.

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#### GRADES 5-8

Mondays 7:00-8:30 p.m.

➤ **Our opening program will begin on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

*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!

Class assignments will be listed in the following locations: Grade 5 - in hallway next to Teachers’ Room on 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Grade 6 – School lobby by Church doors. Grade 7 – Parish Hall. Grade 8 – Modular Unit.

God’s Blessings to you and your family,

Sharon Crenshaw, DRE  
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Faith Formation ~ Children

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Pastoral Associate  
Faith Formation ~ Children



**Welcome Back!**