



The Messenger

Annunciation-Our Lady of Fatima Religious Education Newsletter

As we enter into this solemn season of Lent, let's consider a special time for prayer, reflection and good works as we await the celebration of Easter.



On Wednesday, February 14th ashes will be distributed in the Gym at 3:40 pm to the Religious Education students and their families. The Wednesday evening classes will attend Ash Wednesday Mass at 7:30pm in Annunciation Church. Ashes will also be distributed at Annunciation Church at 6:45 am, 9:00 am and 10 am Masses. At 9:00 am Mass ashes will be given at Our Lady of Fatima Church. Ashes will be dispensed at two Prayer Services ~ 12 noon at Our Lady of Fatima and 4pm at Annunciation Church.



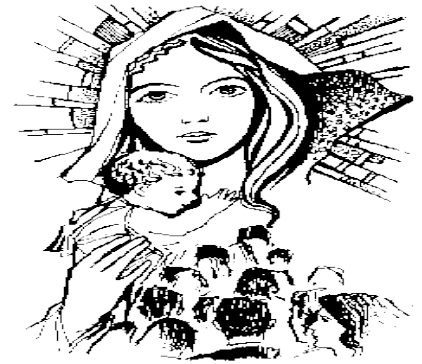
Today at Religious Education, the 3rd and 4th graders have been asked to put their artistic talents to good use. The staff and students at the Elizabeth Ann Seton Pediatric Center enjoyed the colorful cards that last year's students sent on Valentine's Day and asked if they could once again share their talents. Sending love and kindness one card at a time!



Progress Reports for the first half of the year will be distributed today, February 7th. The purpose of these is to provide feedback to parents regarding their children's participation in Religious Education. They do not need to be signed or returned. If you should have any questions, please contact your child's Catechist or Doreen Napolitano at the Religious Education Office.



The **2nd graders** of the parish received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, February 3rd. Continue to keep them in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their First Holy Communion



Upcoming Events

February 7

3rd & 4th Grade classes to make Valentine's cards

February 11

5th Grade Family Mass- Annunciation Church 10 am Mass

February 14

Ash Wednesday

February 18

Children's Liturgy- Annunciation Church 10am Mass

February 21

No Religious Education Classes

February 25

6th Grade Family Mass and **Children's Liturgy**- Annunciation Church 10 am Mass

Town Hall Meeting at 2:30pm at Annunciation Church

March 1

Confirmation forms due

March 4

7th grade Family Mass **Children's Liturgy**- Annunciation Church 10 am Mass

Looking Ahead

Holy Name Society's St. Patrick's Dance on March 3rd in Breen Hall

Save the Date- May 5

Annunciation School's 75th Anniversary Dinner Dance @ Mulino's at Lake Isle 6-11pm

More Important News

Cardinal Timothy Dolan helped celebrate 75 years of Catholic Education of Annunciation School with a special Mass at Annunciation Church on January 31st. It was a very exciting day for Annunciation School and the Parish of Annunciation-Our Lady of Fatima. Cardinal Dolan visited with the school students, parents and staff at a lovely reception in the school gym. He spent some time touring Annunciation School and interacting with the school children. What an enjoyable event to mark Catholic Schools Week.



In the Community

Volunteer Opportunities

St. Vincent's Hospital in Harrison is looking for a few volunteers interested in giving a few hours a week of their time in their behavioral health services. If you would like to help, visit the website www.stvincentswestchester.org for an application.

The **Mustard Seed Sacred Theater** of Annunciation- Our Lady of Fatima Parish invites all children and teens (3rd-12th grade) to join in the Living Stations of the Cross Lenten Production. For more information contact Jeannie Sweeney at 914-260-4287.

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5PM	(Annunciation)
5:30PM	(Fatima)
Sunday 7:30AM	(Annunciation)
9AM	(Fatima)
10AM	(Annunciation)
11AM	(Fatima)
12noon	(Annunciation)
5PM	(Annunciation)



Don't give up chocolate for Lent....

Dynamic Catholic is offering a 2 minute email combined with a discussion based on the book "Perfectly Yourself" by Matthew Kelly. You can sign up at BestLentEver.com or contact Tony MacDonnell in the office of Faith Formation at 914-471-2084.

Children's Liturgy for *Lent* will begin on Sunday, February 18th during the 10am mass at Annunciation Church. It will continue every Sunday ending on March 18th. Children's Liturgy is an opportunity for children ages 3-9 to leave Sunday Mass and go downstairs to the lower church to listen to a Children's version of the liturgy and do a relevant craft. The children return to their families after the homily. Volunteers are always welcome and much appreciated. Go to www.annunciation-fatima.com/religious-education to sign up.



Parish Blood Drive Sunday February 11th at Annunciation School from 9am-3pm. Look for sign up info after this week's Masses.

