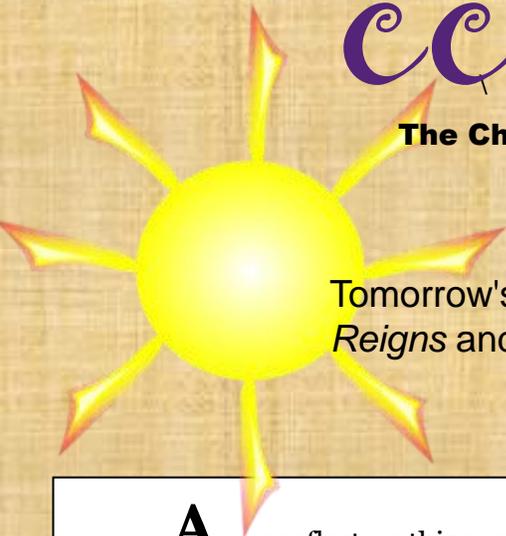


CCD Happenings

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The Church of St. John and St. Mary Chappaqua, NY



Tomorrow's Forecast: God Reigns and the Sun Shines!



As we reflect on this past year many wonderful stories, memories, activities are brought to mind. We'd like to share a few with you.

Celebrations of birthdays were acknowledged monthly at the 10:00 Mass; and although it was designed for our children to participate, we were delighted to see the adults of our parish welcome a special blessing from the celebrant. The grade level Masses for Grades 1-6 were joyful to witness as our children participated in our celebration of the Eucharist. We continued the celebration with baked goods as well as a special project for our children. We are very proud of the outreach projects we contributed to -- needed/requested items for our armed forces by Ariel Coreth and Andrew Erlich, who are parishioners of our Parish and serving in the Navy and Marines, respectfully. Our children brought in toiletry items for Hayden House, a division of Cardinal McCloskey Community Services, which protects and houses children at risk. We collected back to school supplies for our own Outreach Committee here at SJSM and those items will be distributed in September. And our children collected for the Holy Childhood Association which distributes to the underprivileged children of the world. We were happy to tell our students, all their pennies, nickels and dimes (and there were many!!) turned into a grand total of \$1,151! Our younger students came together for 2 movie nights in October and November. Our 7 and 8 graders continued to come together at their monthly youth group meetings where they baked cookies, made chocolate goodies, put together items for those in need, and provided community services for our parish and parishioners. Our first and second graders reenacted the birth of our Lord during the Christmas pageant and were serenaded by our 3-8 graders who sang in our children's choir. Our second graders received the Holy Sacraments of Penance in early winter and First Holy Communion on May 9.

It has been our privilege and honor to be a witness to your child's spiritual growth and their increased awareness of their faith. We wish you a peaceful, relaxing summer and safe travels during these next few months. See you in September!

With thanks and gratitude, Lina and Lori

If you are celebrating a June or July Birthday, join us on Sunday, June 14 at the 10 am Mass for a special Birthday Blessing. Cupcakes, bagels and coffee reception to follow!

Happy Birthday



Save the Date

Sunday
Sept. 20th

Sign-up Sunday

(following 10 am &
12 noon Mass)

Register for CCD, bus transportation, CYO, children's choir, Women's Association and other parish ministries
bouncy castle, popcorn, cotton candy, bagels and more!

Help Wanted

Seeking energetic caring individuals to share their faith and love of God with the children of our CCD program. Experience not necessary. Benefits: Out of this world! Excellent working conditions. Teaching positions available in grades 1-7.

Call Lina or Lori for more information at (914)238-3696.

First Grade Mass



On Sunday, April 19th we celebrated and prayed for our first graders as they begin the journey to Second grade, First Penance and First Holy Communion. A big thank you to Deacon Charlie for his wonderful homily!

After the Mass our Family Events Committee helped the children plant Marigold seeds as a symbol of "new life and growth."



If your child is interested in joining the Children's Choir, please contact our Music Director Kyle Mange at kylemange@hotmail.com

Thank you to our Catechists and Assistants



We want to thank you for your awesome contribution of your faith, talent and time to our Religious Education program. With you, we can fulfill the mission as a church—to teach the faith to the children and help support the parents, as they hand on the faith to their families. Being a catechist is demanding. The time and energy it takes to be a good catechist is great, but the rewards are many. Our Catholic Christian religion is about life, learning how to live right, service and belonging. We wish you and your families a wonderful summer!

A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God
This summer
In Whatever you do
Wherever you go

Walking with God means...
Walking with honesty
And with courage,
Walking with love and respect
And concern for the feelings of others

May you talk to God
This Summer
And every day and In every situation

Talking with God means...
Praying words of praise
For beauty of creation
Saying prayers of thanks
For friends and good times,
Asking God's help In all your decisions
Expressing sorrow
When you have failed

May you talk with God every day.
Amen.

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First Holy Communion

