

CCD Happenings

The Church of St. John and St. Mary Chappaqua



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TOMORROW'S FORECAST: GOD REIGNS AND THE SON SHINES!

Welcome to our new CCD newsletter, "Happenings." This newsletter is a tool for all of us to learn more about the wonderful things happening in our CCD program, about the wonderful gift of our faith and the wonderful gift that is the Parish of St. John and St. Mary. So as you read through this first issue, take note of the wonderful events that have past and mark your calendars for the ones yet to come!

We are blessed with a passionate and dedicated parish family. Together with our Catechists our hope is to deepen the faith and sense of belonging to our children!

Lina and Lori

Mark Your Calendar!

- Fifth Grade - Level mass
Sunday, November 9,
10 am
- Monthly Birthday Mass
November 23, 10 am
- Magic Show and Pizza
November 14, 7:00 pm
- Interfaith Thanksgiving -
November 23, 4:00 pm
Temple Beth El

Reflections



Our young children say, "Watch this!" 20 times a day, pull our faces toward theirs, ever demanding our undivided attention. But, years pass, and they start to play it cool.

On a recent vacation, I realized it had been a while since one of my sons and I had spent time alone together. Our relationship was strained and out of sync. One rainy morning, I whispered in his ear, "Hey, let's get out of here. Just you and me." As soon as we were outside, he slipped his arm through mine. The beach was empty, the water was gray as the heavy sky that hung just above it. We stepped over broken shells. I picked up a broken starfish, admired its beauty and put it into my pocket. "Hey look at this!" we shouted again and again over the noisy waves. When we returned, our jackets were filled with shells, and our shoes and clothes were soaked by waves and drizzle. And things felt right again, I remembered what I've learned so many times: when things feel skewed between one of my kids and me, spending time together is the solution. Just the two of us.

How can you be present with your children today?

A very Big Thank YOU to Jean Moran, Liz Kasulka and their Family Events Committee for organizing our first Pizza and Movie Night, Monsters Inc. It was a great turnout! Fun was had by all. Make sure you save the date for the Magic Show on November 14th!



*4th Grade Level Mass
What an amazing day it was!
Our Parish Community came
together to celebrate our 4th
graders and in return the 4th
graders wowed us with their
Origami making skills!*



Fifth Grade Level Mass

On Sunday, November 9, after the 10:00 Mass, we will be honoring our veterans and current active military personnel from our parish Ariel Coreth and Andrew Erlich. We are asking for the following items for care packages that will be shipped to them overseas.

Beef jerky, 5-hour energy bars, sunflower seeds, pretzels, trail mix, any type of candy, gum, "Halloween" candy, instant oatmeal, yo-yos, playing cards, soft toilet paper, sun screen, men's soap, loofa sponges, band-aids, baby wipes, foot powder/spray, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, Q-tips, shampoo, scented lotion, nail files.

Fifth graders will be collecting the items before and after the 10 am mass on November 9th.

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Thank you, Father, for having created us and given us to each other in the human family. Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, your companionship in our loneliness. Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow and for the whole of our lives. Thank you for friends, for health and for grace. May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us. AMEN

