



Faith in Action

Faith Formation Newsletter
First Semester 2019

Saint Mary Parish
Wrentham, Massachusetts



Come check out what we've been doing
in
Faith Formation Classes this year!



(above photo: children proudly display their Advent wreaths)

Our **first graders** are learning all sorts of things this year from blessing themselves and learning of Jesus' love to discovering ways to prepare for Christmas.

Second graders are currently preparing for their First Reconciliation which is coming up so quickly. Catechists have been helping them learn their prayers using a variety of strategies.

(on the right: children assemble their own book of prayers)

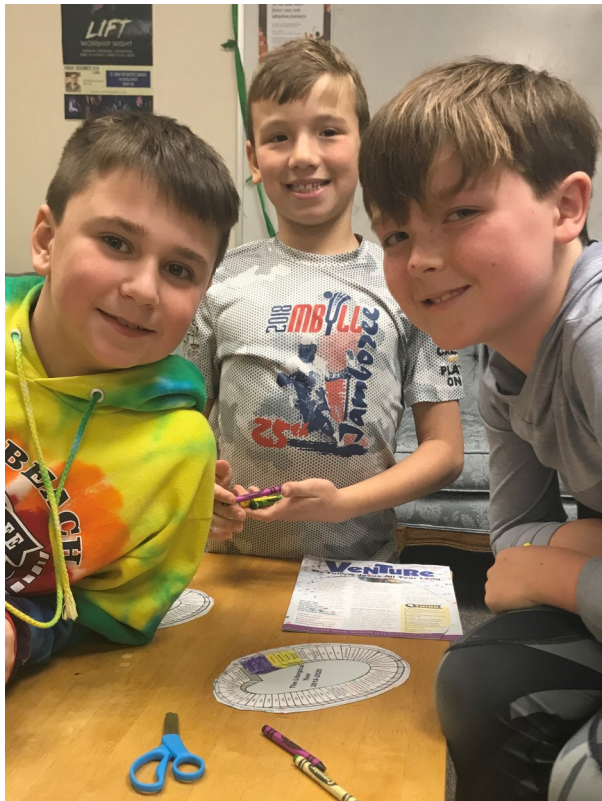


What sort of things do **third graders** do? Well, they really enjoy active learning through the Pflaum program, which presents the weekly Gospel in script form and provides a host of activities!

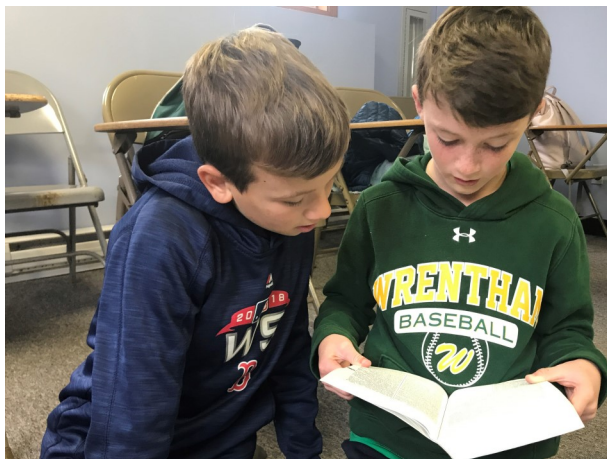
Some concepts such as decision-making are reinforced with games.



These third graders have been learning the Guardian Angel prayer and have created their own angels with the words to the prayer draped across the angels' necks.



Fourth graders continue to learn new prayers and are able to better understand the Liturgical Year by shading in a Liturgical Calendar.



Children in grade 4 not only read the upcoming Gospels in their Venture issues, but they also learn how to locate the readings in the Bible.

These **fifth grade** students are reviewing different aspects of the Mass through an exciting game of Mass Bingo! Earlier this year they hosted a class-sponsored Mass



Our **5th graders** proved to be great role models when they teamed up with **grade 3** students in the recitation of the rosary!



Father Joe, along with two of our veteran altar servers, spoke to interested 4th and 5th graders about altar serving. Congratulations to all those girls and boys who answered the call!

Grade 6 classes are busier than ever, but still manage to have some fun!

(over on the left: Whatever could they be doing with that huge ball???)



Here's a great way of remembering how to say the rosary....make yourself a booklet, complete it with the mysteries, prayers, and a chart! (...and of course, follow up by praying the rosary!)



These children are piecing together the "Apostles' Creed" and other prayers to help with the learning.



Getting into the Christmas Spirit!

One 6th grade class *adopted* a family of three for Christmas. The children brought in a great variety of gifts and with a sense of pride and loving care, wrapped each one of those presents, knowing that they were making a very special Christmas for a family in need.





Christmas Giving by Iris W. Bray

Christmas is for giving
 And for showing that we care,
 For honoring the Christ Child
 With the loving gifts we share.
 The wise men gave of riches;
 The shepherds, faith and love.
 Each gift, in its own measure,
 Was smiled on from above.
 Let every gift be treasured;
 Not always size or price
 Determines the extent of love
 And willing sacrifice
 Handsome gifts with festive trim
 Bring smiles of sweet content,
 But modest gifts of humble means
 are oftentimes heaven sent.
 Whether it be large or small,
 Each gift will share in part
 The message of true Christmas joy
 If given from the heart



Our Faith Formation classes
 have had a smooth start thanks
 to the partnership of clergy,
 catechists, and families!



Enjoy this Christmas Season with your
 families and friends. It's a pleasure
 working and praying with you.

God Bless,
 Maggie Hoagland
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