



# Family Faith Formation NEWSLETTER December/January Issue



## Upcoming Events

- 12/3 - First Reconciliation
- 12/4 - Guitar Concert
- 12/9 - Christmas pageant and party
- 12/11 - Sandwich Sunday
- 12/18 - Class to Mass
- 1/8 - Epiphany Concert and Gathering and Sandwich Sunday
- 1/17 - First Eucharist Parent Meeting
- 1/22 - Class to Mass
- 1/23 - Catholic Art Workshop
- 1/24 - Catholic Art Workshop
- 1/25 - Virtual Bingo (JH)
- 2/2 - Art at Home submissions due
- 2/8 - Virtual Bingo (HS)
- 2/12 - Piano and Voice Concert
- 2/12 - Sandwich Sunday
- 2/22 - Ash Wednesday
- 2/26 - Class to Mass
- 3/2 - Lenten Prayer Service and Reconciliation
- 3/12 - Sandwich Sunday
- 3/22 - Outdoor Movie Night (ALL)
- 3/24 - Tridium Activity and Stations of the Cross
- 3/25 - Planting and Picnic
- 3/26 - Class to Mass
- 4/6 - Holy Thursday
- 4/7 - Good Friday
- 4/8 - Holy Saturday
- 4/9 - Easter and Sandwich Sunday
- 4/16 - Class to Mass
- 4/23 - First Eucharist
- 4/26 - Earth Day Totes (ALL)
- 4/30 - First Eucharist
- 5/14 - Sandwich Sunday
- 5/7 - May Crowning

\*For more information about any of these events, please see the parish website or call the Family Faith Formation office at (908) 232-8137



## Meet the Catechists

Doreen Notar

I have lived in Westfield for the last 22 years. I was born and raised in Jersey City. I have been a parishioner at Holy Trinity Parish for 22 years. I am married and have a 26-year-old daughter. I have been a catechist for the last 13 years and also worked at Holy Trinity School. I have been the Administrative Assistant in the Faith Formation office for 5 years. I love sharing my faith with the children of our parish. I

love spending time with family and friends and getting together as often as possible. I am fortunate that my sisters and I live in the same town, and our kids have had the opportunity to grow up together. My favorite place to be is on the beach! I enjoy cooking and love Italian food. My other guilty pleasure is reality Television, I am a Bravo super fan!

## Art Opportunity

This January, we will be hosting our first Catholic Art Workshop. Children are invited to meet in the parish center to learn a little about the rich history of the Catholic Church's patronage of the arts. Students will



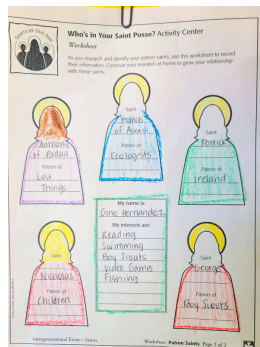
look at masterpieces created by some of the world's greatest artists and identify and reflect upon common religious themes. After, children will make their own Catholic masterpieces.

Their artwork will be sent to Square 1 Art, and families will have the opportunity to purchase a wide variety of items featuring the artwork that can be used as gifts or keepsakes. Additionally, families can sponsor a tile that will be used to beautify our church for years to come.



## Seasonal Happenings

We're beginning our Liturgical year with many fun family events to kick off the Advent season. First, we hosted our Advent wreath making and prayer service event on Thursday, December 1st. Kids created their own wreaths and enjoyed some hot cocoa while preparing for the coming of Jesus. Our annual Children's Christmas Pageant is Friday, December 9th. All are welcome to attend our reenactment of the Christmas story and join in the singing. Finally, the Epiphany Concert will be held on Sunday, January 8th. Join us as we make a joyful noise unto the Lord and celebrate this most holy time of year.



## Spotlight Artists

Gino Hernandez, a third grader who participates in our Faith-at-Home program for faith formation, was recently a Spotlight Artist. He attended our All Saints Day Family Gathering and learned about many of the most celebrated Catholics in history. He felt a special connection to St. Patrick, St. Anthony of Padua, St. George, St. Francis of Assisi, and St. Nicholas.

Our most recent Spotlight Artist is Ella Concordia, a second grade student at Holy Trinity School. While

attending a reconciliation preparation class, she made a beautiful picture of Holy Trinity and even included a "Pet Church." Saint Francis would be proud!

