

ST. AMELIA RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

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Happy 2012! My wish for all of you is a healthy year, filled with blessings from God. Make this year the start of a more faith based one, especially with your children. Remember to attend weekly liturgy, say grace together before meals or pray together at night before bedtime. Make this new year the start of a whole new routine where you implement these practices. We always find time for other things with our kids. Sporting events, scouts, shopping or music lessons all are wonderful things, but when do we get to talk about and share our faith? It's a new beginning so think about what your plan is to make it better.

We have had a great first half of the year. I think our teachers are enjoying their classes and the children are too. We thank you for supporting us and our staff.



In Peace,

GRADE 9 .. take note

NO CLASS is for Feb. 5th due to the Super bowl

WINTER CLOSINGS

In the event of closings, I suggest you first check our website listed at the top of the page or WBEN before calling the office. I have the closing codes for all 3 stations and will try to get the information up early enough. You can also try calling our office, I usually put a message on the answering machine if we are closed. If Ken-ton is closed.. So are we!

Report cards will be distributed (Grade PreK-8) in January. I am asking you to read over the report and then **SIGN AND RETURN** it to us. You will see a space for parent comments if you would like to leave any. Again, it is important that we know you have seen the report card so please sign it and send it back.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Classes resume...

Jan 4th ... for Wed Aft
8th for Grade 9
10thfor Tues eve

FEBRUARY

4th Penance Retreat 9am – 12n)
(church)

5th **NO CLASS** due to Super Bowl
20th – 25th ... spring recess **NO CLASS**

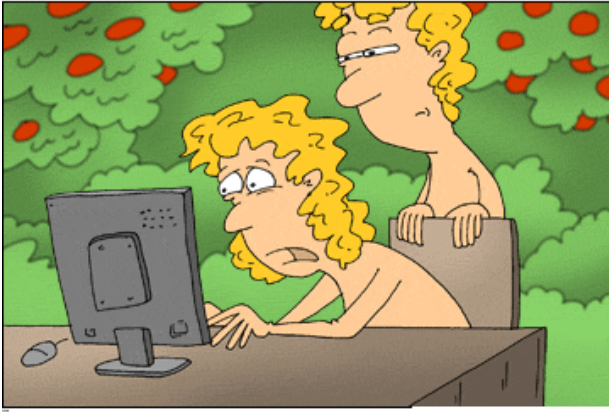
MARCH

1..... Summer Session Registration
3rd and 10thFirst Penance..(info to follow)

FIRST PENANCE RETREAT..

will be held on Saturday, February 4th. Registration will begin at 8:45 in the church where we will break the students up into groups to help facilitate moving them through the different centers. Pick up time will be 12 noon in the church as well. We are hoping that you are all continuing to work on your book and will remember to hand in the 6 chapter sheets. I have enjoyed looking that the ones that have come back already.

We will be looking for parent volunteers to help us that day. What's that saying, "Many hands make light work"? So, the more hands the lighter I will feel ☺.



I SIGNED UP OVER TWO MONTHS AGO AND YOU ARE THE ONLY PERSON WHO HAS FRIENDED ME

YOUTH MINISTRY:

March for Life- a van of teens is leaving St. Amelia's at 9pm Sunday, Jan. 22nd for Washington DC to join the protest against abortion! We'll return late Monday/ early Tuesday. Grade 8 - 12 are invited, \$50/person, forms on our website: stamelaiayouthministry.webs.com. Spots are going fast!

Bake Sale after all Liturgies the weekend of Jan. 14-15 for Youth Ministry to defray costs of Youth conventions and conferences. Youth Ministry is for all teens, so please feel free to bake, donate, and buy!

Buffalo Diocesan Youth Convention Feb. 17 - 19 at the Adams Mark Hotel. Join us for a FUN weekend with hundreds of other Catholic teens from WNY. Registration is due Jan. 16th, so contact Youth Ministry at 834-5741, and join our group!

TPE Connection is a program for Jr. High students who like to Talk, Play and Eat. We start with fun activities, play games in the gym or cafeteria, and end with pizza! Join us from 6:30 - 8pm on **Jan. 15th and Feb. 19th** in the gym, and bring a friend!

High School teens are invited to **Zero Hour!** Bring a friend, and we'll enjoy meaningful activities, cool games, delicious food, and you could win a prize! Extra prizes for anyone doing community service during the last 30 days. Our next sessions are **Jan. 22nd and Feb. 26th**, 7:30 - 9pm. Join us!

Blessings and Peace to you and your family throughout the New Year~ Kathy Waite

SUMMER SESSION..

We will again be running our summer religious ed for grades 4 – 9. This year classes will be held from

July 9th – 20th from 9am – 12 noon.

Registrations will be available from March 1 for parishioners. This program is very popular and fills quickly. We cannot exceed our limit of 18 students per class so, if you are planning on attending..DO NOT DELAY ! We will be mailing registrations in the Mar/Apr Newsletter but they will be available to print from our website or for pick up in the rectory or religious ed office starting March 1.

Questions??? Call the office : 833-8647

Happy New Year !!!

ASH WEDNESDAY.. Please take note that Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22nd) falls during the February break. We hope that you will find time to bring your children to church to receive ashes at some point during the day. Check the bulletin for times ashes will be available.

WELCOME to Sister Louise Alf who is the newest member of our St. Amelia Staff. She is looking forward to meeting families from our parish. She is already busy organizing a team for evangelization and planning a series of talks on The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality on the 4th Saturday of each month @ 8:30am, beginning on Jan. 28th. We are very happy to have her onboard.

Penance will be held for our 2nd graders on Saturday...**March 3rd @9am** for students in Tues night religious ed, Ms. Ensminger and Ms. Smiths class.

Saturday **March 10th @ 9am** for Ms. Akryod, Mrs. Finley and Mrs. Sweenys (wed. afternoon religious ed classes.)

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