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Beautiful Eucharist



"Experience has taught me time and time again that all the answers are in the tabernacle. I can go to many people in my life and ask them what they think I should do in a given situation, but nothing compares to sitting before Jesus in the Tabernacle and placing my question before him." Matthew Kelly

Journey through one of our
Lenten Discipleship Groups

Deepen your faith, grow closer to Christ, and connect with others as you follow a path of purposeful discipleship.



OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Discipleship Groups

GROWING IN FAITH
& COMMUNITY

Space is limited, so please register promptly!

Selected groups require the advance purchase of a book or other related content. If you need financial assistance, don't hesitate to get in touch with our parish office at 973-538-1358, ext. 105.

Our Lenten journey begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

Please note that some groups extend past the six weeks of Lent.

The Beauty of Sacramental Stories

By Mary Malone*, Special Needs Family Faith Catechist



During a recent Special Needs Faith Formation session, we discussed the Sacrament of Baptism. We watched a short video of Jesus's baptism by his cousin, John the Baptist, and read a story about it in our Children's Bible. Using a hands-on approach, we used a doll to demonstrate the sacrament, allowing each child to actively participate by pouring the water over the doll's head.



A thoughtful addition to the session involved one of our catechists who shared parts of her own son and daughter's baptism day. Our catechist brought in pictures, along with the garments they each wore that day. Both baptismal gowns were made from her own wedding gown. The students were able to look at the pictures and feel the garments. This prompted some of our students to ask their parents questions about their own baptism.



For example, we learned that one of our students was baptized by her grandfather, a deacon, and her great-grandmother made the baptismal gown. The dad and his siblings wore the gown at their baptisms, and so did our little disciple at her own baptism.

Being a catechist is so rewarding, both in terms of finding different teaching methods to connect with each student and having the joy of witnessing that connection. Each step forward for them is an affirmation that I am part of God's plan. □



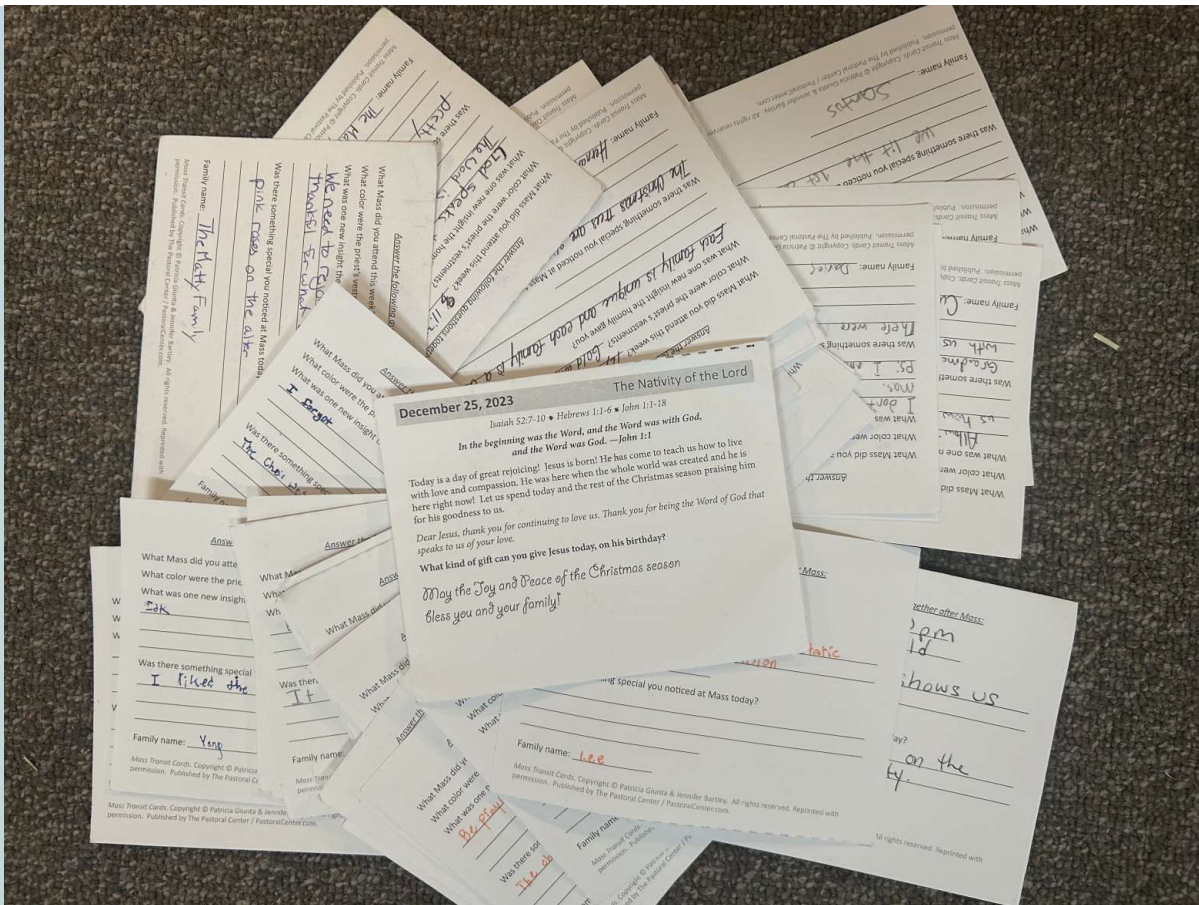
*Mary Malone and her husband Joe joined our parish in March 2023. She joyfully shares how blessed she feels to have found our parish community and its welcoming and engaging spirit. Mary's own faith and strong sense of gratitude compelled her to promptly engage in our parish and its mission, generously sharing her time, talent, and treasure. She has journeyed through Alpha and looks forward to the upcoming Women's Cornerstone Retreat. In addition to being a Special Needs Catechist, Mary is part of our volunteer Office Support Staff and the Food Rescue Ministry.



Thanks, Mary, for Investing in Our Faith and Investing in Our Future!

Family Faith: Mass Transit Conversations

(Comments reflect previous Sundays' celebrations)



What was one new insight the homily gave you?

"God wants us to recognize him in other people."
 "Find God in others."
 "God is important to remember."
 "God wants us to recognize him at all times, even outside of church."
 "Even when you aren't listening or distracted, God is trying to speak to you."
 Find a friend to help you listen."
 "Our parents help us stay close to God."
 "When we help other people, we help Jesus."
 "The love of Jesus can help us not be a Grinch."
 "Each family is its own little church built on love."
 "God's goodness can be found in surprising places."

Was there something special you noticed at Mass today?

"The Christmas decorations are gone."
 "We usually don't go to 5:00 pm Mass. The snow was beautiful."
 "Father Paddy sang really well during his homily."
 "Our family brung up the gifts today."
 "There were new altar servers."
 "The choir sang very passionately today."
 "The adults were singing in the choir (we went to 11:30 because of snow)."
 "Father Paddy loves to hear the laughter of a baby."
 "We saw someone wearing a sweater with dogs on it."
 "We enjoyed handing out music sheets."
 "The vest is a different color."
 "My big sister came today."

"Jesus stood for justice and peace. He loves all of us."

"No matter what your age, we can all seek new growth, and we can all offer Jesus our heart."

"If you push through and never give up, there will be a reward at the end."

"New helpers this week."

This Week's Mass & Lamp Intentions

Parishioner Announcements

Memories that share our story...

7:30 am Mass





Family Mass







6 pm Mass



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