

From the Desk of Mrs. Kathy Leahy, Principal

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Communicants Shine As They Receive Our Lord



On a beautiful, bright, sunny Saturday morning, with Saint Martin de Porres Church full with loving family and friends, 30 of our wonderful second grade students received Jesus in the form of the Holy Eucharist for the first time. The date was April 25 and with our girls dressed in white dresses and our boys dressed in handsome fitted suits, this Sacrament was the first of many special unions between these chil-

dren and our loving God, our Father.

The children, with eyes opened wide and smiles to brighten any room, were excited to receive Jesus in the form of the Holy Eucharist. Through prayer and song, our second graders enthusiastically took part in the entire service and showed all who attended that they were prepared with open, loving hearts to our Lord as they promised to continue to shine for Jesus as they did on

this special day.

We ask that you keep these children as well as all of the second grade children in our parish community who have received Jesus in First Holy Communion in your prayers on this special occasion. Please also remember to ask God to bless their parents and family as they help these little ones to keep this day and all Celebrations of the Eucharist close to their hearts.

Special Dates to Remember:

Barnes & Noble Fundraiser	5/7
Walk-A-Thon	5/8
Spring Concert 7:00pm	5/11
Volunteer Mass 9:00 am	5/15
Ascension Thursday	5/21
Field Day	5/22
School Dance Grades 6-8	5/29

Congratulations Mrs. Canfield

Congratulations to Mrs. Loretto Canfield, our upper house science teacher on receiving an Earth Day Grant from the Education Committee for the Eastern New York Chapter (Mid-Atlantic States Section) of the Air & Waste Management Association (AWMA) for her project titled "Hudson Valley Wetlands Study." This project was one of eighteen grants awarded

by the Eastern New York AWMA Chapter from the largest and strongest field of applicants to date. This grant will allow our upper house students to develop a better understanding of the environment that they live in and how to preserve this wonderful gift from our Lord. The funds received from this Earth Day Grant will allow Saint Martin de Porres School to purchase

additional microscopes to be used by our students to complete this study.

Please know that we applaud Mrs. Canfield for receiving this Earth Day Grant and appreciate all that Mrs. Canfield does to involve her students in expanding their knowledge of the environment and dedication to our science program.

Saint Martin's School Excels at Dutchess County CYO Art Show

On April 3, Saint Martin De Porres School students joined with students from six other schools in Dutchess County to take part in the Dutchess County CYO Art Show. With pieces entered in four categories including small fries, beginners, learners and masters categories, Saint Martin's students won 16 awards including 2 Best in Show Awards that will now be sent down to New York City to be displayed and judged.

Please join us in congratulating the following students on receiving awards from this program and all students that displayed their art work for all to view and enjoy:

Small Fry Division

Mixed Media: Brianna Yi (1st)

Tempera: Tara Petronia (1st)

Water Color: Geneva Ng (1st)

Beginners Division

Mixed Media: Marlie Frisco (2nd)

Pen & Ink: Melissa Iori (1st)

Learners Division

Acrylics: Hannah Bocker (1st)

John McGahay (1st)

Masters Division

Acrylics: Juliana Neves (1st)

Charcoal: Juliana Neves (1st)

Colored Pencil: Megan Mantaro (1st)

Pastel: Juliana Neves (2nd)

Pen & Ink: Meghan McLoughlin (1st)

BEST IN SHOW

Small Fry Division: Geneva Ng

(Watercolors)

Masters Division: Juliana Neves

(Charcoal)

Kickball Takes Off At Saint Martin's

On Thursday afternoons more than forty students from grades 5 through 8 join together on our large field outside for our intramural kickball program. Led by one of our teachers, Mr. Fred Timm and assisted by another teacher, Mrs. Kim Papineau these two teachers

volunteer their free time to help coordinate this after school program for our children. This fun program began on April 30 and will run for six weeks. The first week was a huge success as the children began to work together as teams and cheer on their teammates with smiles and

laughter. This program is the fourth intramural afterschool sports program that began this school year and provided our students with an exciting and fun way to share in good times after the school day.

Desserts Through the Year Is a Success

This past Friday evening was an enjoyable evening for all women who attended Saint Martin's Desserts Through the Year. With tables decorated in various themes and delicious desserts and drinks that filled the room, more than 80 of our mothers, guest, and members of Saint Martin de Porres Parish

joined together in an evening of good company and fun times.

Special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Zolzer for leading the evening and to Mrs. Fratto, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Comunale and the many, many women that attended this evening and made it a truly enjoyable eve-

ning. The profits from this evening directly benefit our school programs. We look forward to this event again next year and hope that many more of our special moms will join us in this exciting and fun Saint Martin's community woman's night out.