



**The Parish of St. Anthony  
Religious Education Office  
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**Retreat and Commissioning Mass, January 5th, 2019  
Retreat: Cafeteria / Mass: 5:00pm Gym**

Dear Parents,

With the busyness of the Christmas season I know how hectic your schedule must be, therefore, I wanted to remind you of some important upcoming events. Your child's retreat is scheduled for Saturday, January, 5<sup>th</sup>. Due to the number of children there are two sessions for the retreat 10:00am-1:00pm and 1:30pm-4:30pm. The children are assigned by class as follows:

10:00am-1:00pm

Teacher: Cristina Ortiz/Gabriella Dzwura, Tom Kaylor, Jeanine Badalamenti, Patty Hildebrandt, **\*\*Patty & John Bellissimo>Patricia Vilella**, Catholic Schools

1:30pm-4:30pm

Teacher: Jess Brown/Joe Sammartano, Rosanne Hennig, Gina Musto, Lisa Hundertmark, Eda Rodriguez

Please have your child arrive at the cafeteria 20 minutes beforehand!

Mr. Tony Belizzi, the retreat leader, has been doing these retreats for many years and I believe it is one of the finest I have encountered. The children always come away with a deeper understanding of who they are in the eyes of God. If your child misses the retreat, they will have to attend another retreat that Mr. Belizzi is giving on another date and parish before they can receive Confirmation.

Your child's Commissioning Mass is at 5:00pm. The children in the morning session will need to return for Mass at 4:50. Please go directly to the gym. The children in the afternoon session will go directly to the gym from their retreat. Please meet them in the gym. **This too is mandatory.** This Mass is very special and I think you will enjoy sharing it with your child.

As a gift to you, I have scheduled a Parent Night with Tony Belizzi on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm - 8:30pm in the Church. I want you to have a faith experience similar to what your children will have and understand, on an adult level, what the Sacrament of Confirmation means to your child and, how you can support them more fully as they enter the final stage before they receive the sacrament. **At least one parent must attend this special night.**

During this Advent season, I wish you peace and the promise of our Lord that the Kingdom of God is at hand.  
Sincerely, Rose Dillon

- Please note that your child's teachers Patty and John Bellissimo have recently moved to Florida. **Patricia Vilella** volunteered to teach the class. In January **Bill Ligarzewski** will take the class for the rest of the year.