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‘THERE’S A STAR IN THE EAST’

A fortnight is a period of two weeks. This year, the fortnight from December 3-19 was the venue for so many exciting and special tiems at OLH. Time moved so quickly as the season be-

the entire school in acting, singing and dancing roles. (This year’s theme was Santa’s journey to the East from Manhattan to Montauk where Mary, Joseph and the Child were found at the



gan with our Family Advent Service, a time of prayer and song presented by the Joyful Noise, Hamptones, Hamptonix and Dance Company. The lighting of the indoor and outdoor Advent Christmas trees signaled the real beginning of the season.

The next week was crammed with rehearsals for “Out East Christmas”, the show with a cast of

lighthouse surrounded by farmers and fishermen.

Before vacation started on December 19, the school celebrated the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Guadalupe, sacrament of Reconciliation, hosted a Christmas Sale, had brunch with Santa...and had a welcomed snow day!

WE PREPARED OUR HEARTS FOR CHRISTMAS

The four weeks of Advent give us time to think about the upcoming mystery of Christmas and prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus.



The feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 focuses on the role of Mary and was commemorated at two special liturgies: the first grade mass at Our Lady of



Poland, celebrated by Father Maddaloni, and a pilgrimage liturgy at the basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary when Prep 7 and 8 walked in procession to meet with the celebrant Father Mike Vetrano.

On the following day, grades three through eight assembled at Our



Lady of Poland where they received the sacrament of reconciliation,

Students were afforded the opportunity to receive the sacrament in English, Polish or Spanish. We are fortunate to have these priests as part of our family, Fathers Steven Maddaloni, Mike Vetrano, Darius Koszyk, Peter DeSanctis, Ryan Creamer, Jose Tenas, James Calledo, Liam McDonald and Carlos Murrego.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE...FOUR DAYS LATER



With the final rehearsal for the Christmas show on December 12, OLH took a special day on the 16th to gather and pray the Rosary in Spanish at the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The history of the celebration was presented by the fifth graders, dressed in costume.

Teacher Senora Nancy Matute organized the in-



termediate students to lead the prayers. The day was enhanced by the mariachi band.

This is the second time the school has gathered together for this feast.

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!



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