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WE WALK IN CHRIST'S FOOTSTEPS



We can accomplish a lot in a period of forty days.

parish liturgy, celebrated by Fathers Janusz Lipski and John Wachowicz, during which blessed ashes were placed on the foreheads of all the students, teachers, parents and parishioners as a reminder of the solemnity of the day.

Even the three and four year olds received ashes at Pre-K as Father Steve Maddaloni knelt down and made the sign of the cross on the foreheads of the little children.

Daily Lenten prayer, special projects, Operation Rice Bowl, the sac-

Houses could be built, books could be written, great ideas could be formulated and implemented.

Throughout the Bible, we learn of the flood that surrounded Noah for forty days and forty nights, of Jesus fasting in the desert for forty days, and the forty days between Easter and His Ascension.

In the Catholic Church, we are given a period of forty days to prepare ourselves for the glorious feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. This is a time when we are told to look into ourselves and PRAY....FAST.....and GIVE TO OTHERS.

The colors of purple and light pink are found in our churches, on our bulletin boards and other reminders to prepare our minds and hearts in a spirit of renewal.

The Lenten season began at OLH with a special



rament of Reconciliation and the special Seder Meal will help to have us ready to celebrate Easter with a renewed spirit.



IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE

One of the most special things about having musical and theatrical ability is the opportunity to share those gifts.

Thirty-three members of the HAMP-TONES and nine of the Senior Dance Company traveled to Maria Regina Residence in Brentwood to sing at the morning liturgy and offer a mini-concert of theatrical and sacred songs.

The dancers gave a beautiful rendition of their Christmas piece, *Star of Bethlehem*.

The girls then spent time visiting with and performing for the sisters and residents on the units.



IF THEY LIVE TO BE A HUNDRED.....

Age is only a number! The primary students and their teachers chose the number 100 to celebrate the first part of the school year in a very unique way.

With their teachers dressed in very comfortable "age-appropriate" attire, the kindergarten, first and second graders engaged in special Reading, Math and Science activities that featured building and estimation.

interacted and engaged as they would look one day when they are 100 years

after that celebration, the first graders had a meeting with Hampton Bays resident, Mrs. Jo Dolan, celebrated her REAL one hundredth birthday.



tion. The students joyed the day thought they old.

A few days special meet-who recently



PREP 7 GOES BEYOND THE STAGE

Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* is one of the world's most famous plays, as is the American musical « *West Side Story* ». Mrs. Hanley's Prep 7 class took the tragic love story to a whole new height when they presented their class assembly.

Using a television broadcast as the framework, the class taught about Verona, the geography, people, climate, sports and, of course the hero and heroine Romeo and Juliet.

The most unique feature of the program was the integration of technology into the done with background scenery Distance features included a transmission from a student who was away on vacation.

The special effects, especially the lighting and sound design, were all done by members of the class, providing a truly inspiring and engaging program.



of the program was the intertext. On the spot reports were produced using a green screen. 'special report' sent by telephone

WHY PRETZELS AS A SIGN OF LENT?

In the Middle Ages, fasting included such preparation as removing all items from the pantry that could lead toward the making of special foods. Lent was a period of strict fasting.

Keen housewives would empty their pantry of such items as butter, salt, flour before Ash Wednesday. To prevent abuse of waste, they used the ingredients to create special things that could be eaten before Lent began. In Germany, that resulted in making pretzels.

The shape of the pretzel was a twist of the dough that looked like arms embracing, as a symbol of love and unity.

Miss Price and Mrs. Distefano used this concept to do a special Lenten project with their fourth graders.

This involved Religion, History, math, Science, Art....and, of course, cooking....and eating!





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FOR PREP 8.....IT IS POLITICAL

The Village of Southampton welcomed a new Mayor after the election in June 2019. Mayor Jesse Warren, the youngest mayor to hold local office, first came to OLH at the celebration of the Dedication of the new playground in September.

He spent a late winter morning visiting with Mrs. Hanley's Pre 8 Social Studies students fielding questions, listening to ideas, and also helping to inspire them for the State essay contest 'If I Were the Mayor...'

Mayor Warren will meet with a small group of parents later this month to gain an adult perspective.



WELLNESS CENTER—THE CENTER OF ACTIVITY



The OLH Wellness Center was dedicated in May 2014. Since that time, daily gym classes, conditioning, laps on the track, team practices and games in basketball, volleyball, cheerleading and cross country are common.

The gym also provides space for league games, the May Crowning, Young Authors presentation, Blessing of Animals and the Living Stations of the Cross.

Pictured here: the Prep Boys; CMSAA basketball team, the 2020 Cheerleading Squad and the Prep 7 class as it received training in CPR and First Aid.

