

NOTES FROM P.R.E.P. JANUARY 24, 2018

PROGRESS REPORTS



Tonight all students from Levels Kindergarten through 7 and Special Sacraments will be bringing home Progress Reports. Please take some time to review your child's Progress Report with them, sign their Progress Report and return it to your child's catechist as soon as possible. Thank you.

DON'T GET CAUGHT SLEEPING!! PREP REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!!

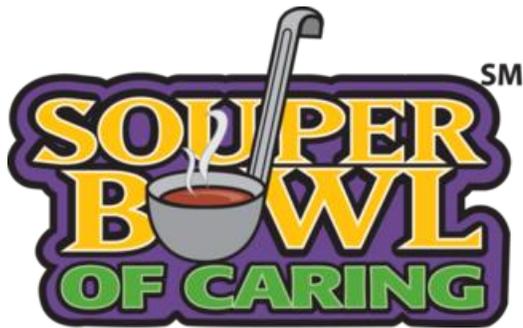


Last week all students from Levels Kindergarten through 6 and Special Sacraments took home registration forms and a tuition letter for the 2018-2019 PREP year. Each student who is returning must reregister. It is very important for us to know the numbers of students who are returning to PREP and their grade levels in order for us to set up classes and assign catechists for next year. This is especially true for Kindergarten. If we do not have enough students sign up for Kindergarten by the end of PREP this year we will not be able to have a Kindergarten class next year.

CONFIRMATION REMINDERS

The Confirmation Information form and the Sacrament Preparation fee of \$35.00 are past due! Both these items were due on January 10th.

The next Confirmation item that is due is the Confirmation Name/Saint Project which is due on February 7th. If you or your child has any questions about this project please contact Mrs. Gnida **before** the due date.



The weekend of February 3rd and 4th our parish will be taking up a collection for the “Souper Bowl of Caring”. Tonight Level 6 students will have the opportunity to sign up to hold the soup kettles at the doors of church after all Masses that weekend. This activity is one of the required activities for the service project, however, if you participated in Prayer Partner weekend you will not be able to sign up for Souper Bowl weekend unless there are times open. Reminders about Mass times will be sent home next Wednesday, January 31st.

CHRISTMAS BABY ITEM COLLECTION

I recently received a thank you note from Teri Mitchell, the Administrator at Catholic Social Services thanking us for our donations. I have attached her letter at the end of the NOTES. I would also like to thank you for all your generosity- I’m sure many babies and families benefited from it.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR LEVEL 2 AND SPECIAL SACRAMENTS II



Each year the children receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation make sheep to be put in the “pasture” on the night of their First Reconciliation and which they can keep as a remembrance of their First Reconciliation.

To make these sheep we ask that each child in Level 2 and Special Sacraments II bring in a bag of cotton balls and a large salt box container (like Morton Salt). Both these items should be brought in by Wednesday, January 31st since there are advance preparation that needs to be done before the sheep are made. **Level 2 and Special Sacraments II will be making their sheep on Wednesday, February 7th.** On this evening we ask that one parent of each student stay with their child and help him/her to put their sheep together. With enough help the sheep are usually able to be finished in one night. **First Penance this year will be on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM.**

SNOW AND EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

Just a reminder that all snow and emergency closings are posted on our website, www.holytrinitymorrisville.org at the PREP link after 3:00 PM on the day in question. If we have your email address and you regularly receive PREP Notes each week you will also receive an email letting you know if PREP will be cancelled. Depending on the weather decisions may not be made until after 3:00 PM. **Please do not call the Rectory!**



FOOD PANTRY AWARD

The winner of last week's Food Pantry Award was:



MRS. KRASNY'S LEVEL 1!!
CONGRATULATIONS!!

IN JANUARY OUR THEME IS NEW YEARS
AND WE ARE COLLECTING:
SOUPS
SALAD DRESSING
CANNED TUNA & CHICKEN



GOSPEL SNEAK PEEK FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HEARING THE WORD

MARK 1: 21 – 28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The man unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

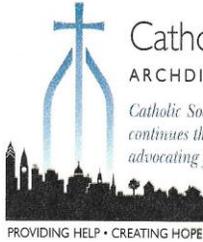
REFLECTING ON THE WORD

The temptations and trials of daily life felt very much like real entities or "spirits" to contend with during the time of Jesus. When we see vice and sin as formidable entities to contend with, we take them much more seriously. They are not one-time choices, but forces that can hang over us like a cloud and confuse our judgement and decision making. We are not far from Lent. Perhaps now is the time to examine what forces have a hold on our thoughts and actions.

FOR REFLECTION

What is something you want to bring into the presence of Christ in the Mass today?

Where and how did you experience the authority and presence of Christ in Mass today?



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January 2, 2018

Kate Gnida
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Dear Children, *Kate.*

I am writing to you on behalf of Catholic Social Services, an agency with a long history of dedication to our neighbors. Our focus is "To provide help...create hope."

On behalf of Catholic Social Services, staff and clients, thank you for your generous donation of baby formula, diapers, blankets, clothes and all the wonderful baby items. Your generosity this Christmas season will allow us to continue our work with those in need. It is through the continued kindness of strangers that we are able to provide for our families...thereby creating hope.

We will continue to keep you in our prayers and we ask that you continue to do the same.

Please do not hesitate to give our office a call or contact me at mmitchell@chs-adphila.org if you have any questions about our services and programs.

May God bless you and your family this Christmas season.

Gratefully yours,

Teri Mitchell
Administrator