

*NOTES FROM P.R.E.P.
SEPTEMBER 11, 2019*



Well, it's hard to believe that it's September, that summer is "unofficially" over and that it's time for PREP to begin again! Monsignor Eckert and I hope that everyone enjoyed their summer break! As you hopefully read in the Back to PREP mailing that you should have received in August our 2019-2020 PREP year begins this Wednesday, September 11th. We will begin our PREP year in the school hall with an Order Of Prayer at 6:30 PM. Following our Order of Prayer the catechists and aides will be called by level with their classes and dismissed upstairs to begin their year. There will not be an Open House, however, please look for a letter from your child(ren)'s catechist on September 11th giving you an overview of their class for the year. There will be a brief meeting for those families new to our PREP program this year following our prayer service. Dismissal will be at the usual time of 7:45 PM.

SOME NEW FACES

This year we would like to welcome some new faces to our PREP Program.

We welcome to our PREP family this year Mrs. Toni Feedback our new Level 2 catechist, Mrs. June McClernon our new Level 3 catechist and Mrs.

Maribeth Andujar and Ms. Cassandra Andujar as our Level 4 catchechists. A familiar face in a new position is Mrs. Janice Lyczak who will be our Level 7 catechist this year. We also welcome as aides this year Mrs. Joan Dragolic, Mrs. Gina Fox, Mrs. Joan O'Grady and William Castner and our returning aide Kenneth Difilippo.



PARENT BOARD



In past years an important part of our PREP family has been our Parent Board, a group of PREP parents who meet once a month in the Holy Trinity Faculty room downstairs. They have been an invaluable part of PREP and they assist both Monsignor Eckert and myself by offering feedback and suggestions on our program, as well as helping to organize our

socials throughout the year, putting together the worship aids that are used for Confirmation, First Penance and First Holy Communion and most importantly, representing our parents. Recently, interest in our Parent Board has been waning, but we are hoping that there are some parents in our PREP program that would like to join our Parent Board. There isn't a big time commitment-an hour a month is really about all that we ask. Our first Parent Board meeting for this year will be on Wednesday, October 2nd at 6:45 PM downstairs in the Faculty Room. Why not come and see what we are all about! All are welcome!

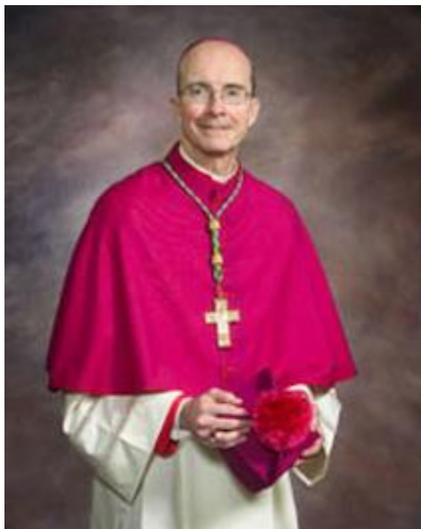


HOW DO I KEEP UP WITH WHAT'S GOING ON AT PREP?

Every week our PREP Notes are online at the parish website, www.holytrinitymorrisville.org at the Prep link. All those families who have shared their email addresses with us will have the Notes automatically emailed to them each week. If you do not have internet access, please stop at the desk or let your child's catechist know and we will provide you with a paper copy of the Notes. The Parent Handbook and this year's calendar are also available online for your convenience. Please take a few minutes each week to look over the Notes and stay up to date on "what's happening" at PREP!



CONFIRMATION UPDATE FOR LEVEL 7



Confirmation will be celebrated this year on Thursday, November 7th at 5:00 PM. Our celebrant will be Most Reverend Bishop Timothy C. Senior.

Other important Confirmation dates:

Wednesday, September 26th –Confirmation robe measurement during class.

Wednesday, October 2nd –Letter to Bishop Senior due.

Monday, October 21st – 6:00 – 8:30 PM – Confirmation Retreat for Level 7.

Saturday, November 2nd – Confirmation rehearsal – **students and sponsors**

Monday, November 4th – Confirmation rehearsal – **students only.**

CONFIRMATION UPDATES FOR LEVEL 6

Saturday, September 21st will be the Holy Trinity Day of Service in remembrance of September 11th. This is one of the projects in the Group Service Project portion of the Service Component. A flier will be coming home to sign up for this service project. As a reminder there will be a meeting on Wednesday, October 2nd for an in depth explanation of the service component **only**. If your child will be participating in the day of service please remind them it is their responsibility to sign in on the sign in sheet that will be available-a parent signature will not be accepted on the service chart.

FOOD PANTRY

Again this year PREP will be helping out the Holy Trinity Food Pantry with our food donations. Our food collection will begin on September 11th. While all non-perishable food items are always welcome, in order to make sure that the pantry is stocked for the holidays each month will have a theme with specific food items. The themes and food items for this year are:

SEPTEMBER – SCHOOL LUNCH

Peanut butter & Jelly
Fruit Cups & Granola bars
Coffee & Tea

OCTOBER – BREAKFAST

Pancake Mix & Syrup
Oatmeal
Coffee

NOVEMBER – THANKSGIVING

Boxed Potatoes
Canned Yams & Vegetables
Turkey Gravy
Cranberry Sauce

DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS

Coffee & Tea
Canned juice
Turkey gravy
Canned Fruit & applesauce

JANUARY – HAPPY NEW YEAR

Canned tuna & chicken
Salad dressings
Soup

FEBRUARY – VALENTINES DAY

Pasta
Spaghetti Sauce
Baking Supplies – sugar & flour

MARCH – ST. PATRICKS DAY

Canned green vegetables
Canned Tuna & Mayonnaise
Green or any Tea

APRIL - EASTER

Canned Yams
Applesauce
Boxed Potatoes
Pancake Mix & Syrup
Coffee

GOSPEL SNEAK PEEK FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HEARING THE WORD

LUKE 15:1-7

The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So to them he addressed this parable. “What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.”

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

In response to the complaints of the Pharisees about his hospitality to sinners, Jesus offers the parable of the lost sheep. God is so loving and understanding and his mercy knows no bounds. He loves those who are already faithful and true, but he rejoices when the repentant sinner returns to him.

FOR REFLECTION

If you lost something important to you, what would you do to find it? Would you turn to Jesus to guide you?

Do you feel lost sometimes? Do you turn to God for help to repent? What does it mean to forgive those who seek to reconcile with us? How do you show mercy?