

Religious Education PREP Newsletter

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St. Mary Magdalen Church



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NOTE FROM DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Looking over my newsletter from last year, I am so happy this year to be healthy! After a long year of four different eye surgeries, I am extremely thankful this year for God's blessings in giving me back my sight! God is good! Please read about all that we have going on in the month of November.

Karen Yasik

NOVEMBER FAMILY DAY



This month we celebrate saints – both those canonized and those who belong to the communion of saints! You'll learn more about this at our November family day about the saints – this one will be

limited to an hour because Father Kirk is also celebrating his 30th anniversary as a priest (and his 60th birthday) that weekend and wants us all to be able to celebrate with him! So everyone who signs up at <http://www.smmchurch.org/classroom-grades-k-8> by Monday November 14th will have a packet at the door (just like last time.) On November 20th we will meet in the gym and will begin at 10:00 with an introduction piece while our "saints" prepare for their production! I know you'll enjoy seeing our saints in the making!

FATHER KIRK'S CELEBRATION

30th
ANNIVERSARY

All parishioners are invited to join in the celebration of Father Kirk's 30th anniversary as a priest and his 60th birthday.

There will be a light reception in the church hall after the 11AM mass on November 20th. Hope to see you there!

OUTREACH FOR THANKSGIVING



This past year, the Samaritan Center, which took care of all of our outreach, was folded into the St. Vincent de Paul society. That being said, our parish has always had a relationship with our sister parish in the diocese, St. Paul's in Wilmington, and the Samaritan

Center had always asked us if we would be willing to provide **Thanksgiving for a couple of needy families**. So we will still be doing that! They truly are grateful for whatever you can give – and if anyone just wants to give cash donations, we'll be getting ShopRite gift cards so that they can purchase meat and perishables as well. Otherwise, some ideas are:

- **Canned goods** – veggies, soups, fruits, tomato sauce
- **Dry goods** – rice, pasta, beans, powdered milk, cereals
- **Staples** – flour, sugar, salt, peanut butter & jelly, cereal, coffee or tea
- **"Fun" things** – cake mix, cookie mix, Hershey's syrup

We'll be collecting things by the weekends of the 13th and 20th for delivery to the families, so thank you in advance for whatever you can do!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS



Finally, a little reminder that the time changes Saturday night (really early Sunday morning on November 6th) - so we "fall back" and get an extra hour of sleep!

RECONCILIATION FOR 2ND GRADERS




➤ **1st Reconciliation Retreat** is Nov. 12th in the church hall from 9-10:30AM. The student and one parent are to attend.

➤ **1st Reconciliation** will be held Nov. 19th. The service begins at 10AM in the church. Students must arrive by 9:45AM and will be seated with their class in the front; parents and family members are welcome to receive the sacrament after all of the first-time students.



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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

November 1st – Feast of All Saints – Halloween was really a combination of the words “All Hallows Evening” which celebrated the night before All Saints Day!

November 2nd - The Feast of All Souls – this is when we pray specially for all those who have died in the hope of rising again with Jesus!

November 5th – Saturday night 5PM is the next Youth and Family Mass, with potluck afterwards in the hall! And remember during the early morning hours the time will fall back!

November 6th – All classes preschool through 8th grade and Confirmation classes meet today!

November 12th – First Reconciliation Retreat for 2nd Graders – 9AM in the church hall

November 13th – regular classes for PREP students grades K-8 and **last class** for Confirmation students.

- **Bring food for outreach and completed workbooks for 2nd grade reconciliation.**

November 19th – First Reconciliation in the Church at 10AM & reconciliation for Confirmation students at 10:45AM

November 20th – **FAMILY DAY #2**, our 7th grade will be the stars as we celebrate saints for grades 1-8! 7TH GRADE will play a major role in family day as they put on their annual parade of saints! This is our second family day, remember to sign up by Monday the 14th – Pre-K and K will have class as usual this weekend!

November 27th – THANKSGIVING BREAK – **ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP IS THIS WEEKEND** - After both the 9 and 11AM Masses in the church hall! See the bulletin for more info how to sign up for the Advent Wreath Workshop in the coming weeks.

December 1ST – Confirmation rehearsal tonight at 7PM starting in the church HALL and moving up to the CHURCH

December 3rd – CONFIRMATION 11AM – BE SURE TO ARRIVE EARLY TO MEET THE BISHOP!

December 4th – regular PREP classes grades Pre-K through 8