

# PREP Newsletter

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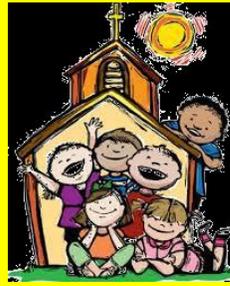


## NOTES FROM YOUR DIRECTOR –

Even though Easter isn't here yet, the day is fast approaching! So it's not a bad time to take a personal inventory and see how we've been doing this Lent!

Think about it – this is the time of year when we're all realizing that we shortly have to fit into our swimsuits and shorts (!) from last year, and we're frantically filling our time with trips to the gym, extra ab crunches, and every torture we can think of so that, on the outside, we can be "beach-ready" in time. But what are we doing about the inside?

That's what Lent is all about. It's about getting our insides ready to celebrate what our faith is all about! So if you are feeling a little "flabby" about your Lenten resolutions, this is the time to pour it on! Be as ruthless about digging out all those things in yourself that you want to change as you are about getting rid of all those snack foods you know are no good for you, and be ready to celebrate a REAL "new you" on Easter Sunday! Just step away from the chocolate bunnies...and turn to your faith!



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## FINAL FAMILY DAYS

Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – the 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Congregation Beth Shalom for the Interfaith Seder is open to the whole family and would count as a family day! Just fill out the permission slips and get them in to me – the link to the permission slip is on the website at [Seder Permission Slip](#)

**I will need to know you are coming by Wednesday so I can give Beth Shalom numbers!**

Our last family day for the year will be Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, in the GYM. If you haven't signed up yet, I will be reviewing the attendance at family days (those who didn't sign up in advance know that we put labels on your packets that day so that we know who came) and can let you know if you still need one!

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO REMIND YOUR CHILDREN OF WHAT EASTER IS ALL ABOUT?

JOIN US FOR

## WALK TO EASTER

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>

8:30-NOON

Children preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to take a walk with Jesus! The walk traces Jesus' steps through Holy Week, from Palm Sunday to Easter. They will also experience the mysteries of our faith through storytelling, music, food, art and prayer. Registration forms can be found at

[Registration Form](#)

Our coordinator, Stephanie Casey, will be retiring from the religious education part of her job (she'll still do her great job on the bulletin and facebook for the parish) and that means that we are once again in need of someone to fill her role for Sundays and sacramental events! If you're interested contact Karen at [Karen Yasik](#) to see how you can be a part of our exciting program!



## R.C.I.A.

Is the Rite of Initiation of Adults into the Catholic faith. This year we have three who are entering

into full communion! If you know someone who might be interested, be sure to let Karen know!

Have you checked out the parish website lately?  
It's user friendly on your phone, too!

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Religious Ed.

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**NEW REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS ARE HERE!**

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Family BBQ's on the rectory lawn 6/25, 7/16,  
and 8/26

Feast of St. Mary Magdalen Wine & Cheese  
Gathering after the 5PM mass in the garden  
watch your email in July for signup details!

## CALENDAR

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – regular classes Pre-k-5, 7-8; 6<sup>th</sup> grade have  
the Interfaith Seder at Congregation Beth  
Shalom!

April 8<sup>th</sup> – Bishop's Pilgrimage for youth and families

April 9<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday – regular classes K-8

April 10<sup>th</sup> – Chrism Mass in Dover where all sacred  
oils for the next year are blessed!

April 13<sup>th</sup> – Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 14<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday/Walk to Easter

April 15<sup>th</sup> – Easter Vigil – see the new fire and water  
blessed and see our three new members join  
the church!

April 16<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday – no classes

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – FAMILY DAY – CSI RESURRECTION

April 27<sup>th</sup> – Foschi taking formal First Communion  
photos in the church 4:30-6

April 30<sup>th</sup> – LAST DAY FOR ALL CLASSES PRE-K – 8

## MAY

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – First Communion Rehearsal 6:30-7:30 in  
the CHURCH for Communion day 5/6

May 6<sup>th</sup> – First Communion 11AM (Children arrive no  
later than 10:25)

May 7<sup>th</sup> – Student & Sponsor Meeting 6:30PM in the  
HALL

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## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017**

**June 12-16, 9:15-12:15 daily**

**We're going to Rome! Learn about St. Paul and the Underground Church as we look at Rome at the time of the early church. You'll learn how Romans dressed, what they ate, the kind of games they played, and how they ruled the empire! For the mission part of our program, we'll be raising**

**money for Water with Blessings, a group committed to providing small water filters that can be used with a 5 gallon bucket to purify water.**

**For more information on the week see the website at**

**<https://www.smmchurch.org/vacation-bible-school>**