



Notes from the PREP Office

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PREP Notes

PREP Registration

Happy Easter to all our families!

We look forward to seeing you at Closing Mass this week as we once again end our current school year time together in this beautiful way.

Tuesday classes will celebrate mass on 04/24 at 5:00pm in the church. Students and families should report directly to church.

Wednesday afternoon and evening classes will celebrate a combined mass on 04/25 at 6:30pm. Students and families should report directly to church.

It's PREP Registration Time! Applications received before June 30th are at the lower tuition rate quoted on the application.

Thank you for all your support throughout the year. We are in need of some additional volunteers next year. Catechists receive FULL tuition discount and aides receive a \$100.00 discount. Please consider joining this very rewarding ministry!

We are also looking for one or two volunteers per session next year to man the front desk during PREP. While we are unable to offer a tuition credit for this role, we are able to offer you quiet time, a cup of tea and a book to read from our PREP library! You can use this time to catch up on email, browse Pinterest or FB, or just have some much needed, quiet, "me time"! If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please email valeriehaynos@mmredeer.org.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

A warm and special thank you to each of our catechists and aides for another wonderful PREP year! We couldn't do it without you and we sincerely appreciate you and all of the time you so freely give to the program. You are blessing to our parish and the children!

First Holy Communion

Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to the sixteen First Communicants who received Jesus for the first time yesterday at the 12:30 Mass! Please keep these children and all of our second graders in your prayers over the next several weeks as they prepare to experience this beautiful sacrament.



Dates to Remember:

April 24: Practice for April 29 FHC, 6:30 – 7:30 in the church (*a parent or guardian must remain for the practice*).

May 1: Practice for May 5 FHC, 6:00 – 7:30 in the church (parents do not need to stay for this practice).

Arrival:

For the Sunday masses children should report to their assigned Annex rooms 15 minutes prior to mass. Procession will start at 12:25. For the Saturday, May 5th mass please have the children arrive by 10:10. Procession will start at 10:20. Girls should not wear gloves or corsages of any kind (wrist or shoulder) during the Mass. Boys should not wear boutonnières.

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Works of Mercy

A very big thank you to our amazing PREP catechists for coordinating several service projects this year! Thank you to our students for their hard work and thank you to our PREP families for their generous support!

Mrs. DiDonato's 6th grade class and Mrs. Cooper's 6th grade class worked together to support A Baby's Breath in Warminster. A Baby's Breath is an organization that provides free pregnancy counseling, GED tutoring, prenatal classes, parenting classes, and assistance in setting goals for the mother's future. The mothers earn credits for attending counseling sessions or classes, and are then able to use these credits to obtain the types of donations that you made possible. This system encourages a mother to be more responsible for her life and that of her unborn child. With your generous help, diapers, wipes, toiletries, food, formula, and adorable onsies were donated! Thank you also to the ladies in the Prayer Shawl group for making and donating adorable knit hats.

Mrs. Higgin's 4th grade class had a wonderful turn out as they learned about giving drink to the thirsty! About 40 students participated in the water relays last Wednesday and \$245 was raised for the CRS WASH program that provides clean water and sanitation facilities to those areas in the world that do not have clean water!

Mr. Lagrutta's 6th grade class was delighted to make a contribution of 51 breakfast bags to Aid for Friends. The families of the students purchased the items for the bags, and the students performed chores and tasks at home to make this a truly personal sacrificial gift. The students crafted greeting cards for the homebound neighbors who will be benefiting from this donation, and offered prayers for their health and well-being.

Sincere and heartfelt thanks to every person that contributed their time, talent and treasure to supporting these worthy causes!

May Crowning and Procession

Please join us on **Sunday, May 6th at the 10:45 Mass** as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month dedicated to her.

On this occasion, all of the children of MMR parish who are receiving the sacrament of the Eucharist this year for the first time are encouraged to wear the dresses and suits that they wore for their first Holy Communion Mass. These First Communicants will be asked to participate in the Crowning and Procession. What a wonderful opportunity this will give them to be together with all their "First Communion classmates"!

During Mass, our beautiful image of Mary will be crowned with a ring of flowers. Later within the Mass, each First Communicant will be invited to place a fresh cut flower at the foot of the statue.

We want to be sure to be properly prepared for everyone's participation. Parents, please RSVP by May 1st to Jenny Galiani at pennstate.alum@verizon.net if your child is a First Communicant this year and will be attending this special Marian celebration.

Catholicism Continues!

Catholicism will meet April 24 from 4:30 - 6:00 pm. We will keep all PREP students and families in our prayers as you attend closing Mass together.

Catholicism will continue to meet May 1st and May 8th and will conclude on May 15th. You are welcome to attend with your kids ages 12 and up during these last few weeks. Come journey with us and let's explore our Catholic faith together!

We meet in the CEC Library from 4:30-6:00 pm.