



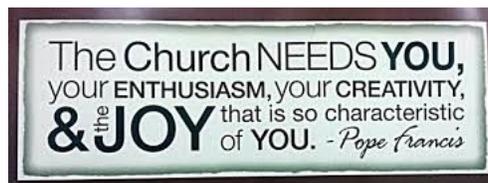
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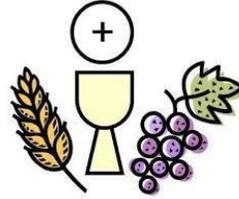
Well, things are changing aren't they? Leaves are falling, temperatures are dropping, and ghosts and skeletons are all over. Yes we made it to October and it is one of my favorite times of the year. The colors of the leaves, the crisp air, and the anticipation of shorter days and cool nights are extremely enticing to me. Just as the changes to the days happen, we can find changes within ourselves as

well. I find that my spiritual life changes as well. Things get so busy and the days get so short. Is there really time for praying? The answer is and must be yes. Thinking of the quotes from the above images cements this reality for me. Every season must be an opportunity for me to discern God's plan. So today let us all find our purpose and make each change we experience a moment of grace.

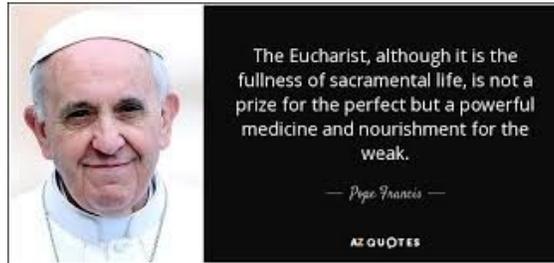
YOUTH MINISTRY



Please see our flyer for this month's meeting via this link: [October flyer](#)



SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION



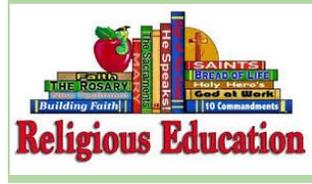
If your child is eligible to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion, please see the attached letter that contains important information including dates and times for meetings, and the link for registering your child. The link is located here: [Sacramental Letter](#). The parent/guardian formation meeting for Reconciliation is Wednesday Oct. 3 or Oct. 10 at 6pm in the Church. Children do not attend the session.



*"Confirm, O Lord, your servant
with your Holy Spirit."*

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

On October 20, 86 youth candidates of our parish will receive the grace of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep these young people and their sponsors in your prayers. For the current 8th graders in our program, we will host an information session on Jan. 9 at 6pm in the Church. Please mark your calendar for this special meeting.



Our theme this year will be on St. Oscar Romero, who will be officially canonized on October 14th. Oscar Romero championed the cause for Social Justice in El Salvador and we are called to champion this cause in our parish. We are planning on doing service while learning about Oscar Romero's life and mission to serve those in need. As the world continues to be one of turmoil and confusion, we are the voice to seek peace and an end to violence.

One way we can be a voice for social justice is by helping provide food to the poor in our community. Your continued food donations are much appreciated and needed. You can give your non-perishable food donations to your student's catechist or in the RE office. Thank you to all who have donated food items so far this year.



MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

Fr. Lewis and the Marian Pilgrimage Board are asking for a small monetary donation to help with the painting, *Our Lady of Wilmington*, that has been commissioned in honor of our 150th anniversary. All donations can be provided to Mrs. Ballintyn. All families are invited to attend on Oct. 6 for the picture's unveiling and for a day of celebration. We hope you can join the Diocese for this special day of celebration and joy.

REMINDER EMAIL

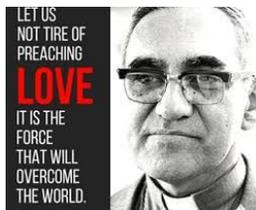


Miss Ballintyn will be sending reminder emails in the next week if there are any forms or payments pending. We appreciate your attention to this important request for materials due.



THE BULLETIN BOARD

Our new bulletin board is located outside by the main RE office. One of the highlights is that October 28 is Priesthood Sunday and we want to highlight our wonderful priests who shepherd and lead with much joy. Thank you to Miss Ballintyn for upgrading this.



A PERSONAL REFLECTION

Anyone who knows me, knows I love movies. One of the most powerful movies I have ever watched is *Romero*. It stars Raul Julia as St. Oscar Romero and is a faithful and passionate retelling of his life and martyrdom. I recommend this to parents to watch, and, if they feel it appropriate, watch it again as a family. It is an experience to learn about this man who lead a revolution through his words and witness to peace, social justice, and faith. In each watching I am called again to be a missionary disciple. Let us all embrace our call to action as faithful witnesses to the truth. God bless you all, and know you are in my prayers always.