



*As we gather again to continue teaching our students about God's unending love and our faith, our prayer for our families is that these twelve months ahead fill us all with bright hope – a hope that comes to us with the coming of Christ at his incarnation – Word made flesh to live and dwell among us. Help us to both see the face of Christ in others, and to be the face of Christ for others by the way we choose to live and follow You, O Lord. Amen.*

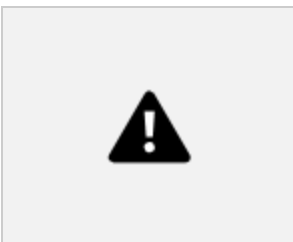
*We wish you a blessed new year from Msgr. Hopkins and the Parish Staff!*

Please read this newsletter in its entirety – important dates to be sure to have on your calendar, and some exciting new ventures we hope to get started for the next RE school year. The world is changing at a phenomenal rate, the Church continues to change and grow, to correct wrongs and to move forward with the hope that comes only from Jesus. That means that our parish programs need to change and grow as well, not only to keep up with the changes in the Church, but to better suit the needs of our parish families. I think we all would agree that life probably won't be getting any less busy anytime soon and we are trying to address that. Please stay tuned for more announcements as they become available! In the meantime.....



### ***BAD WEATHER FORECAST?***

*Don't forget to make sure your subscription to the Remind Notification System is current. Text 81010. At the @ enter your class code: Sunday RE: **sunday2014** , Tuesday RE: **smostues** , Confirmation: **smoscon** , First Eucharist: **smosfe** You can also go online to [www.remind.com/join](http://www.remind.com/join), follow the same directions at the @ symbol. I also use this site for important reminders, notifications, etc. This is the first way you will be informed of cancellations – even before I put it on the radio (WSTW Snowwatch) or the parish website. Please remember that we have RE families from 5 school districts as well as private schools and do our best to take everyone into consideration. If class is not cancelled but conditions are poor in your area, always err on the side of safety and common sense, please!*



**Drop Off & Pick Up Reminders** – Thank you for your continued patience and support with this new procedure. Please remember that the lane closest to school is to remain empty at these critical times. Thank you, too, for being conscientious in picking students up on time, knowing that many of our catechists are trying to be over to church before the 10:30 Mass begins. As you can see, construction is going

very well, despite all of the rain, and we have only 3 ½ months of RE class to go! Next year most parking areas will be back open again.

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

#### JANUARY

6, 8	Sunday, Tuesday	RE classes resume for the Spring Semester
13, 15	Sunday, Tuesday	RE Progress Reports are sent home
20	Sunday	YES, there IS RE class today!
27, 29	Sunday, Tuesday	Signed Progress Reports are due back. <u>Please send envelope, as well</u>
28	Monday	First Eucharist meeting – child and parent attend 6:30 pm Church

#### FEBRUARY

17	Sunday	NO RE CLASS TODAY! President's Day Weekend
24, 26		First Eucharist books, chapters 1-4, due to Mrs. Romano

#### Looking forward to MARCH

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. RE registration for 2019 – 20 goes home in early March and is due back March 31.

First Eucharist Program will be in full swing, and the Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, March 16; 9:00 am – 12:30 pm.



Our **Family Mardi Gras Celebration** is scheduled for Friday, March 1; 6:30 – 8 pm, in the Social Room. Join us for games, crafts, snacks, and help us bury the 'Alleluia!' before Lent begins on March 6. Cost is \$5 per family. More info will be available in February.



VBS is scheduled for July 29 - August 3 this year, and YES - it's actually time to start planning for the summer! We are looking for a co-ordinator, and a planning team for VBS. If you think you might be interested, please contact Mrs. Romano. I'd like to hold a planning meeting before the end of February. [madeline@margaretofscotland.org](mailto:madeline@margaretofscotland.org)



**6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade RE parents:** In the upcoming weeks I will be sending home a survey, asking for your input regarding a plan that I am trying to develop for RE. I ask that when this comes home, that you please take a good look at it and reply with feedback. I will send a Remind Notification the week that it comes home so that you know to ask your student for it. Thank you!



We are in much need of 2 or 3 classroom aides for Tuesday RE classes. To be in compliance of FSGC, there should be 2 cleared adults in each classroom, or at least a reliable high school student to be with the catechist. This is a great opportunity for high school or college students who need tracked service hours, or for a parent who would be willing to support our catechists. Please contact Mrs. Romano for more information or to volunteer.

**And, finally.....stay tuned for information regarding some new, hopefully exciting ventures in the world of our Parish Religious Education Program.** Good things are on the horizon!