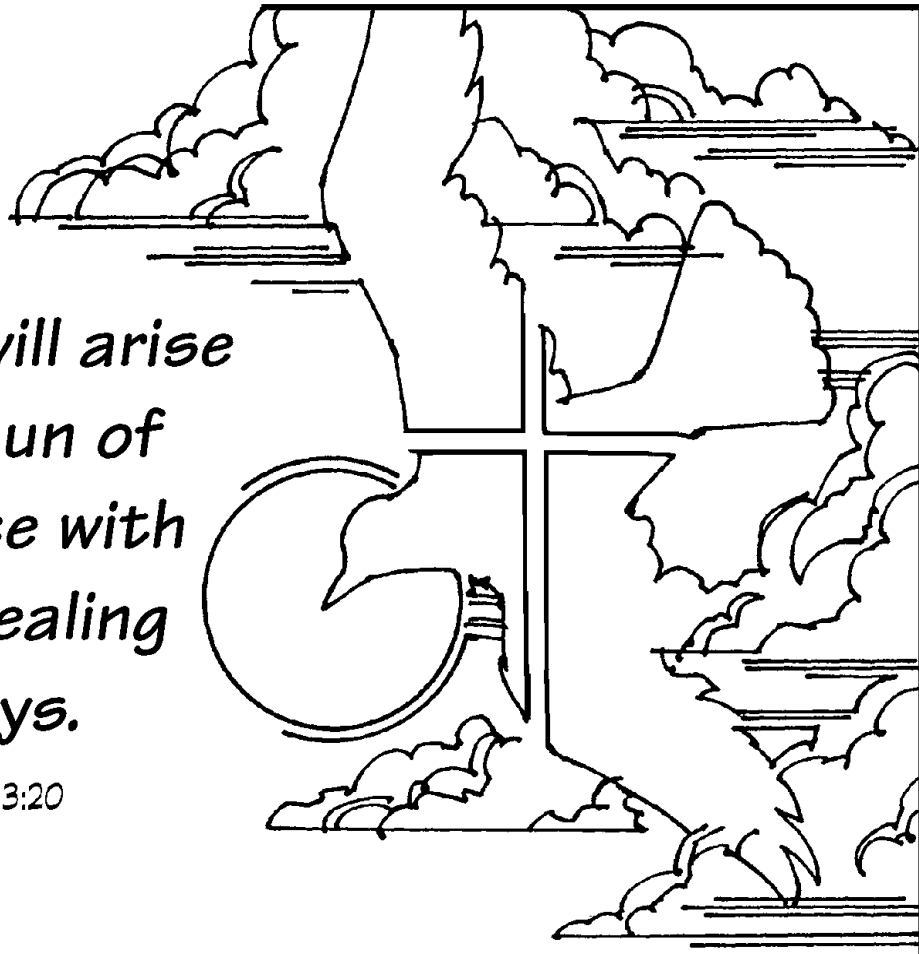


*There will arise
the sun of
justice with
its healing
rays.*

Mal 3:20



SERVICE PROJECT **WORKBOOK**

Confirmation 2010-2011

Confirmation Service Projects & Reflection Sheets / Service Offertory Envelopes

Candidates are required to complete service in four different areas as a part of the Confirmation Preparation Program. The four areas in which service is to be done are Church, Youth Ministry, Community, and Family. The time and effort required to complete the process will vary. The emphasis is on the reflection of the service project rather than the time required accomplishing it. Community and Family projects are completed in good faith and should be selected on the basis of genuine interest and the need or desire to develop as human persons, spiritually, and as members of the parish or larger community. St. Mark Church and Youth Ministry projects will require sign up and supervision. These projects are to help the Candidates recognize their role as a member of the St. Mark community and how we serve one another to build up the Body of Christ. Service Project Reflection Sheets are provided for the Candidates to use during the immediate preparation.

There are 8 service project reflection sheets. This would require 2 service project reflections in each defined area of service.

Service Reflection Sheets must be turned in at Mass here at St. Mark. **All Service Reflection Sheets must be turned in by January 31, 2011.**

The St. Mark Church service projects and Youth Ministry Activities reflect areas that are associated with our parish. There is a list of possible church service projects in this workbook with a brief description of each. Serving our parish will help the candidate to grow in their awareness of building the community of God by truly becoming an active participant in parish life. Building community is done both through service and through socialization. Candidates are required to participate in four St. Mark projects with at least two being service related while the other two may be social. Some of the service projects may be limited by the number of people able to participate – It is good to sign up for these as soon as you see them published!

The Community service project will benefit the larger community. Many of the candidates actively participate in service to others without ever realizing it. Service to the community is represented through acts of kindness benefiting others. Clothing drives, food collections, environmental clean-ups, donating regularly at Mass to benefit the needy and tutoring are just a few of the ways in which young people contribute to recognizing Jesus' message that says in serving others, we serve him.

The Family service project helps the candidate to recognize that this faith journey is not something that is done alone. Family service projects are ideally done as a family unit; however, as long as one parent or a sibling is involved, it will be recognized as a family project. In acknowledging our Baptism we are each called to serve throughout our lives. The tie between Baptism and Confirmation is found through the relationship of the family and the call to serve as Disciples of Christ.

These Service projects serve several purposes:

- ✚ They are representative of Christian works of mercy by which God's people glorify Him.
- ✚ They help the Candidate understand the call and response that Christian Discipleship demands.
- ✚ The projects help the parents/ parish meet their responsibility of leading the Candidates to mature Catholic Christianity.
- ✚ These projects respond to the developmental demands of adolescence on the human, spiritual, and community levels.

The success or failure in the specific service project (by whatever measure used) is not of particular concern in the program. Through the service the candidate learns that this discernment process is one of the ways the Holy Spirit "speaks" to us as individuals. What the staff will attempt to evaluate is the Candidates readiness for Confirmation based on their reflection of and their spirit of involvement in the projects.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Monday July 12, 2010 through Friday July 16, 2010. Candidates will need to be available each day from 9:30am to Noon and one day two weeks before to help prepare. Candidates will assist in grade areas or with the music director to prepare Scripture skits. To sign up for this project please contact Michelle Slowickowski by June 7, 2009.

Cleaning Chalk Boards

Once every week during the religious ed year the chalk boards need to be cleaned in each classroom. The schedule is flexible to when you are available. It takes about an hour to complete this project. If more than two people sign up then we cut the work in half! Call Jacob to sign up for this project.

Liturgical Ministries During Mass

There are many opportunities for service at Mass each week. Many of you are already altar servers – there are other areas for service during Sunday Masses. Ushers are needed to help welcome and direct people before and during Mass, Lectors are needed to proclaim God's Word from Scripture and Youth are needed to assist during the Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) with the children's dismissal to the chapel. Music Ministry is always looking for young people to join them in helping to proclaim God's praise in song. Those that are interested in singing or playing an instrument should consider this opportunity. Contact Jacob to discuss these opportunities.

Winter Wonders Set Up

Winter Wonders is scheduled for Saturday December 4, 2010. The set up crew is responsible to be here on Friday December 3, 2010 from 6:30-8pm to assist in getting the facilities ready for the following day. This will include setting up tables and putting up Christmas Decorations and Signs directing people to the different events. Sign Up for Winter Wonders in September 2010.
– Space is limited for this project.

Winter Wonders Morning Shift

Winter Wonders is scheduled for Saturday December 4, 2010. The morning shift is responsible to be here on Saturday morning to assist vendors in unloading and getting to their tables. This “team” is expected to be here on Saturday morning at 7:00am (breakfast will be provided!) Sign Up for Winter Wonders in September 2010. – Space is limited for this project.

Winter Wonders Day time Shift A

Winter Wonders is scheduled for Saturday December 4, 2010. The day time shift is responsible to be here on Saturday throughout the day to assist in the kitchen, in Santa’s Workshop, and in the Youth Room with photos. This “team” is expected to be here on Saturday morning at 8:30am to 12:30pm. Sign up for Winter Wonders in September 2009.

Winter Wonders Day time Shift B

Winter Wonders is scheduled for Saturday December 4, 2010. The day time shift is responsible to be here on Saturday throughout the day to assist in the kitchen, in Santa’s Workshop, and in the Youth Room with photos. This “team” is expected to be here on Saturday Noon to 4pm.
Sign up for Winter Wonders in September 2009.

Gabriel Project

Help about once a month to sort through baby items for the Gabriel Project and Birthright at the St. Mark parish house/ old convent. The Gabriel Project helps women who are unwed and pregnant in support and prayer. Your direct responsibility would be to assist in preparing items for these women and their children. Birthright is a Harford County organization that assists any women or family in need. Both of these organizations are supported by Catholic Charities

Landscape/ Center Clean-Up

St. Mark Church is in need of people to help with yard work around the church property and with cleaning in the Msgr. McCall Center (desks, chairs and bulletin boards.) This project can be done at various times throughout the year – If you sign up for this project our maintenance department will work with you to schedule times when you can come up and help out.

St. Vincent DePaul

St. Mark Church has a St. Vincent DePaul collection bin on the property by the White Hall. Please consider donating gently used clothing to those in need. Clothing must be bagged securely and able to fit inside the collection bin.

Our Daily Bread

Keep your eyes and ears open for opportunities to serve at the Our Daily Bread. Contact Jacob or Sheila in the Religious Education Office to get on a list to be contacted when dates for this are scheduled.

Throughout the year you may choose to make a casserole to help support our parish efforts to feed those who come to Our Daily Bread to get a hot meal. Our serving day is the second Wednesday of each month and casseroles are to be brought to the freezers in the kitchen of the Msgr. McCall Center by the second Tuesday of each month. Our Daily Bread serves approximately 800 guests each day!

It is important to use the recipe provided as "Our Daily Bread" uses common casseroles to serve the guests on specific days. Churches and organizations are all assigned specific recipes to balance the nutritional needs and timing for the meals that are served every day.

Lottie's Sausage Pasta Medley

1½ Lbs. Italian Sausage
2 Peppers (Red or Green) cut in ½ " slices
2 Onions cut in ½ " slices
½ Lb. Fresh Mushrooms, Sliced
(or 8oz. can sliced mushrooms,
drained, add to sauce)
1 Large Clove Garlic, Minced
(or 1Tsp. Garlic Powder, add to sauce)
1 - 28 oz. can Tomato Sauce
1Tsp. Salt, ½ Tsp. Pepper
1Tsp. Italian Seasoning
1Tsp. Mrs. Dash Garlic & Herb Seasoning
1Lb. package of Thin Spaghetti, COOKED
*Summer months bring opportunities for you to use some fresh squash or zucchini in this recipe with the other ingredients.

For Our Daily Bread Church of St. Mark

In large pan add ½ cup water and steam whole Sausage for 5 to 10 minutes (Till no pink shows). Discard liquid. Cut sausages in 1" pieces. In same pan add 1Tbs. Olive or Canola Oil, mix fresh minced garlic around pan. Add the cut sausages, peppers, onions and the fresh mushrooms. Cook 5 mins. longer, stirring constantly.

Add the Tomato Sauce and the rest of the seasonings. Mix thoroughly.

Spray "PAM" in **FOIL PAN**. Add cooked spaghetti. Pour the sauce and vegetables over the pasta. Gently mix together. Cover tightly with foil and label with masking tape.