

# KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH PARENTS

MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish School of Religion

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## CAR LINE

Please post your child's name in the driver's side window so names can be called easier.

We still need help for carline, even if you can do it only once in awhile. Just come in at closing and help out.

Please do not come in and pick up your child. Please use the carline.

Please do not talk or text when the carline begins to move. It is dangerous to have parents on the phone and texting.

## BEHAVIOR and CELL PHONES

It has come to my attention that some children are really acting out during class time. Please speak to your child about this. I will be calling parents with updates and asking you to come to class with your child if the behaviors do not improve.

Cell phones are a constant problem during PSR. From now on if your child must carry a cell phone they are to be turned off before entering the building and not turned on until they leave the building. This includes playing games. If caught texting, using the phone in the restroom or during class or dismissal it will be taken away. A parent will need to retrieve it from the office.

Also, please talk to your child about leaving the items in the students desk alone. Many items have been taken or broken recently.

## Substitutes Needed

Please call or email us if you are available to sub. So many are out ill at this time we need your help.

## MOTHER DAUGHTER PROGRAM

**Nov. 13 Mother Daughter Program at St. Peter's. You must pre register with St. Peter. Flyers were sent home**

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE

October's Service Theme and Service

**Opportunities: Care for and Protect Animals.**

- Come help out at the **Humane Society Pawtay at Times Grill Oct. 29th from 11:30 until 3:00.**

Children will help by watching/walking dogs, handing out free items to the public, raising money for the 50/50 raffle and helping with party set up or take down. Email Karen Sheehy at [tksheehy@bellsouth.net](mailto:tksheehy@bellsouth.net) with your name and the number of people who plan on helping out. All MQP parents and students should meet at 11:30 and are welcomed to stay and help as long as they would like.

- Have your child **collect used or new items (blankets, beds or plastic toys) for the Humane Society** and bring them to their PSR

teacher. Children should also bring service worksheets or tear off sheets outlining any service tasks completed this month.

- Collect funds while trick or treating on Halloween Night and donate to MQP for our Thanksgiving Food Drive efforts in November. **Note: this is a change from our previous thoughts of donating to UNICEF as we wanted to support the efforts of our Parish and local MQP families in need.**

Thanks, The Christian Service Committee.

## Thanksgiving Food Drive

November 1-16, we are collecting non perishable food items for the Food Drive to help the less fortunate. Please bring food to class each week or drop off in the parish center. If you know someone who needs a basket for Thanksgiving, please contact Jewell at 674-9794.

## FAMILY MASS

NOVEMBER 6 at 9:30am Mass Family Mass for grades 5 and 6 followed by coffee and donuts in cafeteria

## FLEUR DE FALL

Fleur de Fall will be held on November 12. Please consider volunteering to help. This annual gala is beneficial as it is the only fund raiser we do all year.

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT

The next class to be held here for Safe Environment will be Wednesday, November 16 at 7pm. If you volunteer with children, you must attend this class.

“In continuing our commitment of support and healing, we invite and encourage people who have been sexually abused recently or in the past by clergy, religious or other employees or volunteers for the Archdiocese to contact the Victims Assistance Coordinator, Sr. Carmelita Centanni, MSc, Ph.D. at 504-861-6253”

## KNOW THE RULES...For SAFETY FOR HALLOWEEN

1. Instruct your older children to **TAKE FRIENDS** when “Trick or Treating.”
2. Make sure a **TRUSTED ADULT**, an older child, or you accompany your younger children when “Trick or Treating.” A trusted adult is a person parents/guardians have come to rely on and with whom they and their children feel comfortable. Discuss with your child who will accompany him or her and make sure you are both comfortable with the choice.
3. Accompany, or make sure a trusted adult accompanies, your younger children to the door of every home they approach. Become familiar with each home your child visits and the people who are providing Halloween treats to your children.
4. Teach your children to only enter homes with your prior permission and only approach homes that are well-lit both inside and outside.

5. Teach your children to **NEVER** approach a vehicle unless they are accompanied by you, even if it appears no one is inside the vehicle.
6. Make sure your children wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight or glow stick when traveling during the evening hours.
7. Make sure your children are able to see and breathe properly and easily when using facial masks. All costumes and masks should be clearly marked as flame resistant.
8. Teach your children to always stay in well-lit areas, never take shortcuts, and never go into isolated areas.
9. Teach your children to stay alert for any suspicious incidents and report anything unusual to you and/or law enforcement. Teach your children if anyone tries to grab them to draw attention to themselves and loudly yell “This person is trying to take me,” or “This person is not my father/mother.” Instruct your children to make every effort to escape by walking, running, or pulling away; yelling; kicking; attracting attention; and/or otherwise resisting. Consider organizing or attending parties at home, in schools, or in community centers as a good alternative to “Trick or Treating.”

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## SERAPHIM SINGERS

This group is full of fun, friendly, energetic musicians and singers. They meet on Monday afternoon at 4:30 in church. Call Lindsey Piatolly at 626-6977 if you need more information.