



Our Mother of Consolation Parish

9 East Chestnut Hill Ave - Philadelphia, PA 19118

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Dear Parishioner,

In our effort to utilize current technology and to improve communication between the parish and parishioners, we will be implementing a parish-wide communication broadcast service. This service will enable the parish, the school, and our religious education PREP program, to notify all households by phone, text, or email of any emergencies or unplanned events of which you need to be informed immediately (activity cancellations due to weather, early dismissal, parish/school lockdown, etc.). Additionally, this service will be used to communicate general parish announcements and/or reminders.

Depending on the situation, this communication broadcast service will operate in one of the following ways: (1) It will call all phone numbers from a selected household contact list and will deliver a recorded message from the Pastor (Fr. Bob), the Director of Religious Education (Sr. Jane), or the Principal (Mr Hagy); (2) It will send text messages to text enabled mobile phones using a selected household contact list; or (3) It will send parish-wide emails with information and reminders about parish activities, keeping families well informed. Please be assured that this broadcast system is for parish use only; no advertisements, solicitations, or non-parish communications will take place using this system.

In an effort to make the best and most accurate use of this communication broadcast system, I am asking you to complete the enclosed *OMC Communication Information Form* and return it to the parish. Your information can be sent back to the parish by email svioli@omcparish.com, the collection basket, or USPS. The OMC Communication Form is also available on the parish web page.

In this time of technological advancement, it is important that the Church reads the signs of the times and uses technology for the advancement of the Gospel. In the near future, the parish will be offering additional forms of technology to reach out to parishioners and to assist families in using technology appropriately for the growth in the faith.

During my six years as pastor, our celebrations of Baptisms have far exceeded our Funeral Masses. We indeed have a young, vital, and active parish. Studies show that people ages 18 to 49 are likely to utilize technology and social networking as their major means of communication; this accounts for nearly 45% of our registered parishioners. It is my hope that through the appropriate use of technology, we can keep our parishioners informed and actively involved in the life of our parish.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for providing the information requested. May this New Year be filled with God's blessings for you and your family.

In de Sales,
Fr. Bob

OMC Communication Information Form

Please Note: This information will not be published or made public

Home Phone Number: This number will be used to call you every time we send a recorded message regardless of its urgency. If you do not have a landline we will use the first cell # listed as your home/primary number.

Cell/Mobile Phone Number: This number be will be called at the same time as the Home Number for messages that are more urgent or of a time sensitive nature to ensure that we get the call to you as soon as possible. In addition, this contact number will be used to send text messages when appropriate.

Email Address: This will be used to send parish-wide information and important reminders.

Please complete for each member of your household who wishes to participate. You are asked to consider this information carefully and make an effort to keep us informed as soon as possible if it changes for any reason.

Please Print Clearly

Family Name: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Home Phone Number: --

Cell/Mobile Phone Number: --

Email: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Home Phone Number: --

Cell/Mobile Phone Number: --

Email: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Home Phone Number: --

Cell/Mobile Phone Number: --

Email: _____

*Please make copies of this form as needed
Thank you for your assistance and please be sure to return this form as soon as possible.*