

Live + Jesus

Our Mother of Consolation Parish

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Established 1855



“Growing in mission.... to be the presence of Christ in our world”

Dear Parishioner,

The **Eucharist** is the heart of our faith and the life of our parish community. It is through our celebration of the Eucharist that we are sent forth as **disciples in mission** to “humbly serve the needs of God’s people and work to be the presence of Christ in our world.”

We are blessed with an **active and vibrant parish**. Over the last five years, 349 families have joined our parish family, we have baptized 224 children, witnessed 59 marriages, 211 of our children have received First Communion, 182 have been Confirmed, and we have buried 153 parishioners. We have provided **life-long faith formation** for all our parishioners, as well as opportunities for **spiritual growth**. Through our social justice initiatives, we have **ministered to those on the margins**, raised awareness of Catholic social teaching, offered grants to local non-profits who serve the poor, and are presently sponsoring a Syrian college student, a refugee from Aleppo.

After extensive research and **parish-wide consultation**, our Parish Pastoral Council published our revised Parish Pastoral Plan this past September and is beginning its implementation. Finally, our Parish Finance Council and Parish Building Committee have been **responsible stewards of our temporal goods**. The Finance Council, by moving us from deficit spending to a surplus of \$54,000 (FYE 2016), while the Building Committee oversaw extensive restorations of our church and grounds.

Looking forward, if we are to continue our growth as a parish, foster our care for those in need, and maintain our parish buildings, we need to take the next step. Therefore, in the **spirit of stewardship**, I am asking each parish family to **support our parish mission** by making a financial commitment to the parish. We have had many successes, yet we still have much more we can accomplish. Your **financial commitment to the Sunday Collection** not only demonstrates your support for the direction of our parish, it is also an investment in our future. If every registered household (1186) makes a reasonable financial commitment to the parish, we would be able to **grow our mission**, while eliminating the need for special collections, campaigns, and fundraisers.

On the weekend of **February 11-12**, we will have a **Commitment Sunday**, during which you will be asked to make a **commitment of your financial support** for our parish. Please review the enclosed Commitment Card and bring it to Mass with you next weekend as you acknowledge your Sunday Collection contribution.

Feel free to contact me with any questions: 215-247-0430 or bbazzoli@omcparish.com. **I am extremely appreciative** of everyone’s generosity to our parish, and I **thank you** in advance for your support of our Commitment Sunday.

In de Sales,

Fr. Bob

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