Mary, Mother of the Redeemer
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Founded in 1987

1325 Upper State Road, North Wales, PA 19454-1007

December 4, 2016
Second Sunday of Advent

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Mission Statement

Under the patronage of Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, we are a growing faith community centered in the Eucharist and dedicated to worshiping God, our Father.

In response to our baptismal call, we commit ourselves to promote the gospel of His Son, Jesus Christ, through Christian hospitality, spiritual nurturing, evangelical outreach, and shared social experience.

We call upon each parishioner to share his or her talents in addressing the needs of our parish and society at large. We implore the Holy Spirit to consecrate each of us in this mission.

Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, help us share in the work of redemption.

Parish Clergy

Rev. Msgr. John T. Conway, Pastor
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Rev. Daniel J. Arechabala, Parochial Vicar
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Deacon John M. Travaline, Permanent Deacon

Parish Administration

Gail Toto, Director of Parish Service and Director of Youth Ministry
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MMR Parish School

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Office of Religious Education

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Jeannie McLean, Secretary, Religious Education

Parish Pastoral Council

Len Angelone, Cindy Coleman, Chris Fandozzi, Marissa Lamparski, Jeff O'Donnell, Beth Ann Rufo and Bobbi Toner

Mass Schedules and Devotions

Morning Prayer:	7:00 am Weekdays
Weekday Mass:	7:30 am (and 9:00 am during Advent and Lent)
Saturday:	7:35 am Rosary, 8:00 am Mass and Miraculous Medal Novena
Saturday Night:	5:15 pm Vigil
Sunday:	7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am and 12:30 pm
Holy Days:	6:30 am, 9:00 am, 12:10 pm and 7:00 pm (except New Year's and Christmas)
Friday (All day):	***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*** begin at 8:00 am through 5:00 pm ***September (after Labor Day) through May (Friday before Memorial Day)***

Sacraments

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered **most** Sundays after the 12:30 pm Mass. Arrangements must be made in advance by calling the Parish Office. First time parents are required to attend a Pre-Jordan class before the baptism. They are held the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm. No pre-registration is necessary.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered every Saturday, 4:00 to 4:45 pm; Sundays immediately following the 9:00 am Mass; and anytime by appointment.

The Sacrament of Marriage requires that the couple contact the Church at least 6 months before a planned wedding date. No other arrangements should be made until the couple meets with a parish priest and the date and time are confirmed. One of the couple must be a member of the parish. Attendance at a Marriage Preparation program is required in accordance with Archdiocesan policy.

Anointing of the Sick is available to the dying and those who are elderly, sick, or preparing for surgery. Please contact the Parish Office.

Communion Calls are made monthly by clergy and weekly by Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. To place a homebound individual on the Communion Call list, call the Parish Office.

New Registrations

Welcome new parishioners! You may call the Parish Office at 215-362-7400 to make an appointment to register. In order to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage, or Letters of Eligibility for sponsorship at Baptism or Confirmation, you must be a registered parishioner. Also, children who turn 26 years of age, or complete higher education and continue to reside within our area, should become individually registered parishioners.

Funeral Notices

Scheduled funeral services being held here at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church can now be found on our website at : **http://mmredeemer.org/funeral-notices/**.

Parish Office Business Hours
Mondays thru Thursdays: 8:30 am to 8:00 pm
Fridays: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Deadline for December 11th Bulletin is Monday, December 5th at 4:00 pm
Deadline for December 18th Bulletin is Monday, December 12th at 4:00 pm

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 5

7:30 am *Margaret Davis* by Harry & Diane Goldbacher
9:00 am *Adele English* by Rich & Mary Anne Dunbar

Tuesday, December 6

7:30 am *deceased members of the Logan Family* by the Paul Logan Family
9:00 am *Mario Montanari* by Donna, Kirk, Kira & Shane Moyer

Wednesday, December 7

7:30 am *Mary Knezic* by son, Michael
9:00 am *Loreta Del Monte* by Rich & Mary Anne Dunbar & Family

Thursday, December 8
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

6:30 am *Baby Liam Joseph Hansberry* by Andrea & Jeff O'Flynn
9:00 am *Ann Abel* by Christina & Aaron Moore
12:10 pm *Thomas M. Tresnan* by the Leonard Family
7:00 pm *Marie & Joe Mariano* by MaryEllen & Anthony Accardi

Friday, December 9

7:30 am *deceased members of the Olivero Family* by the Paul Logan Family
9:00 am *John Keebler* by Mary Ann Uzzo

Saturday, December 10

8:00 am *Rita Halek* by Bob & Linda Snyder
5:15 pm *Lucille Naughton* by the Lovelidge Family

Sunday, December 11

7:30 am *Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parishioners*
9:00 am *George Langdon, Sr.* by the Langdon Family
10:45 am *Shirley Mae Diccianni* by a friend
12:30 pm *Anthony Krystopa* by the Jones Family

Holy Day of Obligation

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 8th is a holy day of obligation. Mass times for the feast day are 6:30 am, 9:00 am, 12:10 pm and 7:00 pm.

Cherub Choir

It's that time of the year again! Children in Pre-K (age 4) through Grade 3 are invited to join the Cherub Choir to sing before the Christmas Eve Mass in the church at 4:00 pm. Practices will be held on **Monday, December 12th, 6:00 - 7:00 pm and Sunday, December 18th, 4:00 – 5:00 pm**. Both rehearsals will be held in the Church. Don't miss the chance to give a very special gift to the Baby Jesus by showing Him your love in song! Please visit Mrs. Romanoski's website on the school page under the "For Students" tab for more information and a signup form. Any questions you may contact Amy Romanoski at aromanoski@mmrschool.org or call 215-997-2342.

Additional Weekday Mass During Advent

In addition to our 7:30 am Mass offered Monday through Friday, a 9:00 am Mass also is offered on the weekdays of Advent. Like the 7:30 am Mass, the 9:00 am Mass is offered in the chapel --- except on the days a classroom of students is in attendance; then Mass is moved to the main church.

Last Call for Census-Stewardship Appeal

Please know that it's not too late to submit to us your completed annual Parish Census form and Stewardship contribution. The letter and form were mailed to your home shortly after Labor Day. The updated information we receive from you through this form is most helpful in our day-to-day managing, and long-range planning, of parish ministries and services. Your monetary contribution will help greatly in carrying out the mission of the Church in this part of Montgomery County. Thanks very much for your cooperation and support!

Altar Bread and Wine Donation

Altar Bread and Wine for the month of December has been donated in memory of **Kate Moyer** by her husband, Lew Moyer. We extend our sincere gratitude to Mr. Moyer.

Blessings to the Newly Baptized

Matthew James Stratis
Cole Patrick Donohue

Congratulations to Our Newlyweds

Jessica Dunbar &
Darren Bolton

THE GIVING TREES ARE BACK!

Each year, there are many local children and adults whose Christmas needs are fulfilled by the generosity of our parishioners who purchase gifts requested on the MMR Christmas Giving Tree tags.

"SANTA SACKS" for our sister parish, Saint Helena

Our sister parish, Saint Helena in Philadelphia, has identified for us children who are in need of gifts for Christmas. Available in the narthex (simultaneously with the Christmas Giving Tree tags) will be "Santa Sacks" marked with tags identifying the gender and grade of each child. You are invited to fill a sack with any gender/age appropriate items amounting to **no more than $25.00 worth.**

A few of the organizations we'll be assisting this year include:

Wordsworth provides high-quality human services to children and adolescents who have special learning, social adjustment, dependency, or behavioral health needs.

Cradle to Crayons provides for children from birth to pre-teen, the basic essentials they need to be safe, warm, ready to learn and valued.

Respect Life Ministry donations will benefit crisis pregnancy centers.

Kelly Ann Dolan Memorial Fund provides financial assistance for the uninsured needs of families caring for terminally, critically & chronically ill children.

LaSalle Academy is an independent Catholic grade school dedicated to children whose potential is limited by financial, social or emotional challenges, and whose parents can not afford a Catholic education.

Also… MMR Families, Oak Park Elementary School in Lansdale, Patrician Society, Manor Care and Tabor Children's Services.

- Gifts for **Wordsworth, Tabor** and **Oak Park** are due back on or before **12/9/16.**
- If NO date is on the tag, gifts are due back by **12/14/16.**
- Attach the Giving Tree tag to your gifts so they will get to the right recipient!
  - Please ***DO NOT wrap gifts***; place the gifts in gift bags.
  - Please ***DO include*** the gift receipt.

We are looking for ***VOLUNTEERS*** to help sort and/or deliver the gifts to each respective organization. If you're available to help us in this capacity, please send an email to maryannecortez@mmredeemer.org or call 215-362-7400.

Congress Has Made the IRA Charitable Rollover Permanent

You may qualify for tax benefits when you give to charities directly from your IRA.

If you wish to support Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church and School, you can make a gift from an IRA free of federal income tax on your withdrawal - **this year and in future years** - if you meet the following criteria:

1. Are age 70 1/2 or older on the day of the gift.
2. Transfer up to $100,000 directly from your IRA to one or more qualified charities such as Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish. **Note:** This opportunity applies only to IRAs and not to other types of retirement plans.
3. Do not receive any goods or services in return for the rollover gift.
4. Make the gift by the end of each calendar year (December 31st).

You can benefit when you:

1. Wish to make a gift without using cash or other assets.
2. Do not need all or a portion of your IRA income.
3. Are paying too much in taxes and are looking to reduce your income.
4. Want to increase your normal level of giving and IRA rollover gift does not count towards the 50% annual limitation on charitable gifts.

Making a gift from your IRA is easy! Please contact your tax preparer or financial advisor. Please contact Lou Tonelli in the Parish Office at (215)362-7400 if you have any questions.

Men's Retreat at Malvern Retreat House

Whether you have never attended a Retreat, or if it has just been some time since your last Retreat, please consider this opportunity to join us January 20th thru 22nd.

We all need to take time to recharge our faith every so often, to reflect, refresh and rejoice with Our Lord. He promises us rest when we are weary and burdened. He continuously invites us to simply be with Him. The Retreat begins Friday evening with registration at 5:00 pm and concludes after the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday. For more information about the Malvern Retreat House, please **contact Armando Moral at 215-361-9566.**

You Are Invited!

MMR 65+ Christmas Luncheon

Food, Faith & Fun

December 22nd, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
in the Catholic Education Center

Party activities include:

- *Ugly Sweater Contest*
- *White Elephant Gift Exchange*
- *Christmas Trivia Contest*
- *Prizes for winners !!!*

$10 per person. Make checks payable to:
Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church

To R.S.V.P., simply enclose a list of attendees along with payment in an envelope labeled "Attention Gail Toto" and drop in the collection

Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius

Beginning in January 2017, MMR Parish will offer the opportunity to undertake the Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola through daily personal prayer and a weekly small group sharing (3 to 5 people), referred to as the Retreat in Daily Life, a 30-day retreat over 30 weeks. If you think you might be interested, and/or if you have questions, contact Beth Ann Rufo (bethannrufo@gmail.com or cell: 954-224-8989) by December 5th. To see if you would like to try this "school of prayer," a Prayer Suggestion will be offered each week to whet your spiritual appetite, as follows:

Prayer Suggestion for this week:

To continue to ponder that God leads me into greater freedom. And so I pray for the grace of a deep awareness of how God has to free me in order that I can respond to God's calls in my life.

Read Mark 10: 17-27

Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, John A. Veltri, SJ, Orientations Vol. 2: Part A, Guelph Centre of Spirituality, Guelph, ON

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Mary, Mother of the Redeemer School

Adopt-a-Student Program

During the Christmas season we are often blessed with a generous spirit that prompts us to give to others. You may want to consider helping children who are in our parish school. Sometimes there is loss of employment or illness in the family that can cause a temporary financial setback. Consider participating in our *Adopt-a-Student* program. Your donation can assist with immediate needs of a child. Any donation can make a big difference for a child.

If you are interested in making a donation, please contact Margi Slomiany, Director of Advancement at mslomiany@mmrschool.org or at 215-412-7101 or Lou Tonelli, Business Manager at loutonelli@mmredeemer.org or at 215-362-7400.

Important Information Regarding Financial Assistance for MMR School

The application process began November 1st.

For the past few years MMR School has been fortunate to receive tuition assistance from BLOCS, due in large part to the Earned Income Tax Credit program. These funds provide several school families with tuition assistance, allowing many children to continue their enrollment at MMR. Any family seeking these funds must apply directly to SmartAid, following the established deadlines.

Applications for financial assistance for students who will be enrolled in Pre-School through 8th grade during the 2017-2018 school year, will be available from November 1st through December 31st. SmartAid manages the application process on behalf of BLOCS. The required documents and application must be submitted to SmartAid by December 31, 2016 for returning and new applicants. The 2016 tax return must be submitted by March 31, 2017.

For more information, contact the Director of Advancement, Margi Slomiany at 215-412-7101, ext. 509, or our Parish Business Manager, Lou Tonelli at 215-362-7400.

Making Christmas Gifts for Soldiers

The members of Project Peace made special Christmas gifts for soldiers who are currently deployed. These hand tied blankets will reach their overseas destinations in time to help make the holidays brighter. The students were aided by Blue Star Mothers and their teacher-moderators.

MMR Christmas Raffle 2016

Just a reminder that the drawing will be held on **Sunday, December11th at the conclusion of the 12:30 pm Mass.** If you haven't returned your completed stubs, just drop them in the mail, the collection basket next week or the Parish Office.

Don't miss out on $7,500, $1,000 or $500!

Second Collection For Retirement Fund for Religious

Next weekend's second collection will be for the **Retirement Fund for Religious.** This annual appeal is taken up each December in most U.S. Catholic parishes and helps hundreds of religious communities provide for the current and future needs of members. The National Religious Retirement Office coordinates the collection and distributes the proceeds to eligible religious communities. Tens of thousands of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests benefit. Thank you for your continued prayerful generosity.

Youth and Young Adults

Steubenville Youth Conference

June 23rd thru 25th, 2017

The youth conference is open to students who are entering the 8th to 12th grade during the 2017/2018 school year. $100 non-refundable deposit is due to reserve your spot. Make all checks payable to Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church. Send your deposit ASAP because spots are limited! For more information contact Gail Toto at 215-362-7400 ext. 104 or email gailtoto@mmredeemer.org.

North Arlington, New Jersey

July 23rd thru 29th, 2017

Registration time is here for students going into 8th thru 12th grade! If you have an interest in attending camp in 2017, now is the time to reserve your spot. A $100 non-refundable deposit is due by November 20th. Fundraising opportunities will be available throughout the year. To get more information and to begin the registration process email Gail at gailtoto@mmredemmer.org or call 215-362-7400 ext. 104. Information is also available through the parish website under Youth Ministry. Act quickly as there are a limited number of slots available. Chaperones are needed as well. **Are you going to be a part of this MMR tradition of service?**

Metanoia News

Metanoia is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. The ministry includes: Theology on Tap, faith based meetings, community service, retreats, and outdoor events. Meetings are usually on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm. Upcoming events are listed below. Contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com or visit the Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults) for more details.

Tuesday, December 13th, 7:30 pm
Bible Study at Corpus Christi Parish, Lansdale

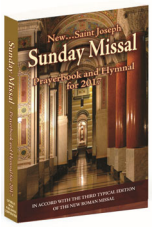
Tuesday, December 20th, 7:30 pm
Theology on Tap at Appalachian Brewing Company, Collegeville (If you wish to eat dinner beforehand please arrive at 7:00 pm)

No Event on Tuesday, December 27th

Wawa Hoagie Coupons

Wawa hoagie coupons are available in the Parish Office during business hours. They are $5 each. Proceeds benefit Catholic Heart Work Camp.

2017 Sunday Missals Are Now Available



The St. Joseph Sunday Missals for 2017 are now available in the Parish Office. Each missal costs $5 and there is a limited quantity available for sale. To pick up a copy, stop by the Parish Office. The office business hours are Monday thru Thursday 8:30 am - 8:00 pm & Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

Religious Items Available in the Parish Office

In addition to the Sunday Missals, there is a limited supply of Advent candles and wreaths available in the Parish Office. The wreaths are a simple brass ring and cost $10. Two sizes of candles are available for $4 or $5. Stop by the Parish Office to check out other gift giving ideas in the display case.

Holiday Gift Giving with MMR Scrip

Consider purchasing Scrip for your stocking stuffers, or for Giving Tree and Teacher Gifts.

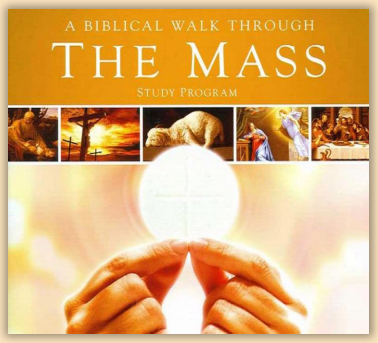
MMR has many on hand and special order gift cards available in denominations of $10, $25 and $50.

Stop by the Scrip table after Mass, or the Parish Office during business hours to explore the many options we have to offer!

Special Orders must be submitted before December 12th to ensure you have your gift cards on hand before the Holiday.

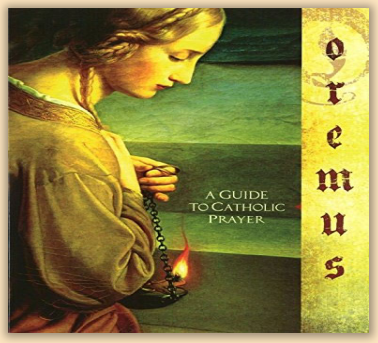
Adult Faith Formation

NEW!!! Winter Bible Studies



A Biblical Walk Through the Mass: Understanding What We Say and Do in the Liturgy

by Edward Sri
This 5-week session is offered on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm—**$25 a person**



Oremus: A Guide To Catholic Prayer

by Fr. Mark Toups
This is an 8-week study that will be offered on Tuesdays from 9:30am to11:00am, and also on Wednesdays from 7:30pm to 9:00pm—**$30 a person**

This book is used as a journal, therefore sharing books will not be permitted for this study.

Please complete this form and return along with payment either by mail or drop in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Please make check payable to: **Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church**
If returning by mail, send to: Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church, Attn: Gail Toto, 1325 Upper State Road, North Wales, PA 19454.

***Please check* the session(s) in which you are registering:**

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass:
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Running from Jan. 3rd through Jan. 31st

☐ Tuesday 7:30pm-9:00pm in the JP II Room

Oremus: A Guide To Catholic Prayer
Running from Jan. 3rd through Feb. 22nd

☐ Tuesday 9:30am-11:00am Parish Conf. Room
☐ Wednesday 7:30 pm-9:00pm JPII Room

For more info contact Gail Toto: gailtoto@mmredeemer.org or 215-362-7400 x104

Pray for Our Service Men and Women

Almighty God, we ask for your divine mercy and protection. Embrace with your invincible armor our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give them courage and strength against all enemies both spiritual and physical and hasten their safe journey back to their homes and families. Amen.

Jay Wardach
Adam McGinnis
David Hoffer
Daniel Pierson
Gary Hogan
Andrew Crossan
Steven A. Campbell
James Thomas Gross
Sgt. Jonathan Lehman
Chaplain Joseph L. Coffey
Michael Wasylenko
Kevin Cox
1st Lt Michael Archutowski
Brenda Snow
Nathan Menapace
Kevin Thomas Thieme
Thomas Conaway
Lt JG Matthew Smith

Please keep us informed of any changes in your loved one's status. Thank you.

Pray for Our Sick

If you wish a particular family member or friend to be placed on the Bulletin Prayer List, please call Gerry Jerlinski at 215-996-1049.

Loving and compassionate Lord Jesus, You brought strength and healing to the afflicted. Through Your healing touch and words, You restored sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, strength to weakened limbs, and wholeness to those afflicted with disease. Look mercifully upon those named here in their time of need. Grant them the patience they need to carry their cross. If it be Your holy will, grant them Your healing. In all things, we pray that Your will be done. Amen.

Jane McCarthy, Alfred Stewert, Diana Umile, Joan McCarthy, Joanne O'Rourke, Thomas Allen, Maureen Chambers, Karl Setscher, Jerry Rose, RoseAnn Storelle, Bill Colbridge, Joan Catrambone, Ashley DeLaurentis, Charles Barreras, Immacolata Antonucci, Frank Haefner, Grace Faino, Melissa Cesarini, Marie Spagnola, Janet Hughes, Henry Haefner, Patti Donchez, Dr. Paul Cianci, Cathy Forman, Elizabeth Young, Alexander DeStefano, Robert Kuhn, Helen Regetta, John Pier, Elizabeth D'Angelo, Joanne Synakowski, Denise Herrick, Margaret Synakowski, Peter Sahd, Roselle Derequito, Sandra Cabrera, Irving Moore, Terri Paone, Jim Panacek, Jim Carter, Dolores Brunton, Mary Faith Murphy, John Hogan, Anthony Kaminski, Claire Panebianco, Thea Brown, Joan, Megan, Taylor Goettner, Claire Beatty, Lynn Feeley, Adela Timbol, Brigitte Fluehr, Lori Rutkowski, Mary Quinn, Sandy Comfort, Philip Biancalana, Marie Litman, Maria McHugh, Lucy Geraghty, Naomi Cardell, Mary Anne Kloss, Linda Losito, Alfred Elwert, Ed Cox, Harry Donnelly

Babies, Children, and Teens:
Jared Hobson, James Mitchell, Soren Zimmerman, Callen Pappal, Nicholas Anthony, Calvin Cox, Matthew Rodriguez, Rachel Scarcelli

H.O.P.E. Committee

H.O.P.E. members are active within our parish, helping those with **an emergency**. The H.O.P.E. Committee assists the homebound and others with their needs. Grocery shopping, driving to the doctor and hospital visits are just a few of the things H.O.P.E. can help with. **Please give as much advance notice as possible.**
If interested please contact one of the people below:

Week of	***Leader***
Dec 5	Toni Esposito 215-361-3992
Dec 12	Pat Bergbauer 267-218-1380
Dec 19	Deacon Frank Cavaliere 215-997-0646

ADDED OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION - Remember that **each Sunday, immediately following the 9:00 am Mass,** a priest is available for confession in one of the confessionals in the chapel. He is there until at least 10:10 am. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

A Message from the Bereavement Ministry

Sometimes the season is not all merry and bright. Sometimes it's a minefield of triggers for tears and feelings of emptiness. If you're grieving the loss of a loved one, it is important to have support during this difficult time of year. Join us to talk about your experience at the MMR/St. Stan's Bereavement Support Group on **Thursday, December 15th**. There will be a morning session at MMR from 10:00 - 11:30 am in the Parish Conference room. There will be an evening session at St. Stanislaus from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Parish center. No registration is necessary, just come if you can. Our next two meetings are:

January 12, 2017: Moving Ahead in the New Year when You Don't to Want to Move at all
February 9, 2017: Surviving Stress and Loneliness

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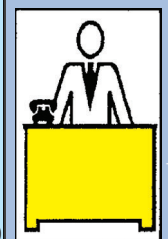
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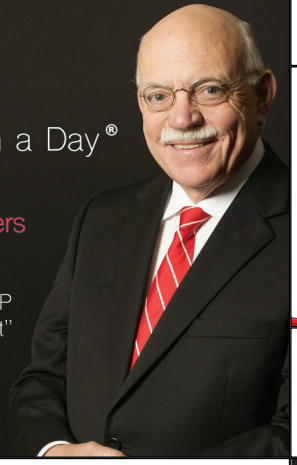

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