

# Meet Folks Where They Are and Help Them Get To Where They Want to Be

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# Introductions

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Who are you?

Who am I?

Why are you here?

Why am I here?



### ***Parish Mission Prayer***

*Nourished by the Word and Eucharist, we, the members of Our Mother of Consolation Parish, strive to create a vital, welcoming Catholic faith community that embraces each person. Acknowledging our blessings and supporting one another, we humbly serve the needs of God's people and work to be the presence of Christ in our world.*

***Announcing a New OMC Parish Ministry beginning in 2018!***

## ***Ministry of Disability Accommodation***

***We, the members of Our Mother of Consolation Parish, strive to create a vital, welcoming Catholic faith community that embraces each person.***

**Our Faith demands we widen our arms and open more fully our hearts to those in our community who experience barriers to participation in our OMC family. OMC's Ministry of Disability Accommodation, in accordance with the USCCB *Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities*, is committed to raising awareness and assisting our Parish so that members with disabilities can share their gifts and participate in our Parish experience.**

In keeping with OMC's objective to bring all parishioners into the full faith experience at our Parish, the Pastor invited parishioners to form a Ministry focused on assisting our Parish so that people with disabilities may share their baptismal call and gifts in meaningful participation in the life of our Parish. Thus we present the above mission statement to our Parish Community.



***Are you interested in assisting with this new ministry? If so, contact Sister Christine at 215-247-0430 or [christinessj@omcparish.com](mailto:christinessj@omcparish.com).***

# So, here's the basic philosophy

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Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

(Thank you to Sr. Christine)

Build a home where people want to be



# So...how do we do this?

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## Meet each individual where they are

- Strengths
- Challenges
- Efficient, effective, and respectful

# Dry runs

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Are there opportunities to visit the church when mass is not being conducted? Less populated masses?

Build a relationship with clergy members

Get a feel for the best seating options

Getting familiar with the environment

Where are the potential stumbling blocks?

# Seating options

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Staring at the back of other people's heads is not fun – move to where they can actually see what is happening.

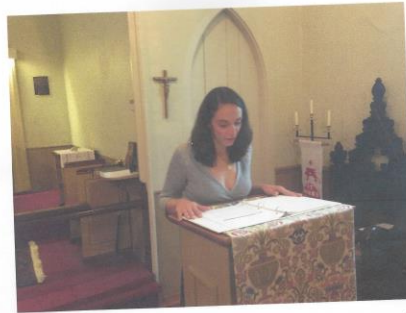
Auditory and other concerns

Access to an area where they can take a break (more on that in a bit)

# Pre-teach and review



Today is Sunday and I am going to church. Church is where I give thanks to God and remember that God loves me. This is what the church looks like.



Someone stands up, goes to the front of the church, and reads a lesson from the Bible. The Bible is a special book that God has given us, and I listen to what it says.













After everyone has received Eucharist the priest prays a prayer, and invites us to stand and sing a song. I stand and sing the song.

Then, after a blessing, we all go home.



# Visual schedules

**Our Mother of Consolation  
Mass Visual Schedule - Easter Season**

 Stand and Sing the Entrance Song	# 1 <input type="checkbox"/>	 Stand and Sing Alleluia!	# 6 <input type="checkbox"/>
 Stand for the Opening Prayer & Gloria	# 2 <input type="checkbox"/>	 Listen to the Gospel	# 7 <input type="checkbox"/>
 Sit and Listen to the First Reading	# 3 <input type="checkbox"/>	 Sit and Listen to the Homily	# 8 <input type="checkbox"/>
 Sing the Responsorial Psalm	# 4 <input type="checkbox"/>	 Stand and Recite the Nicene Creed	# 9 <input type="checkbox"/>
 Sit and Listen to the Second Reading	# 5 <input type="checkbox"/>	 Respond to Prayers of the Faithful	# 10 <input type="checkbox"/>

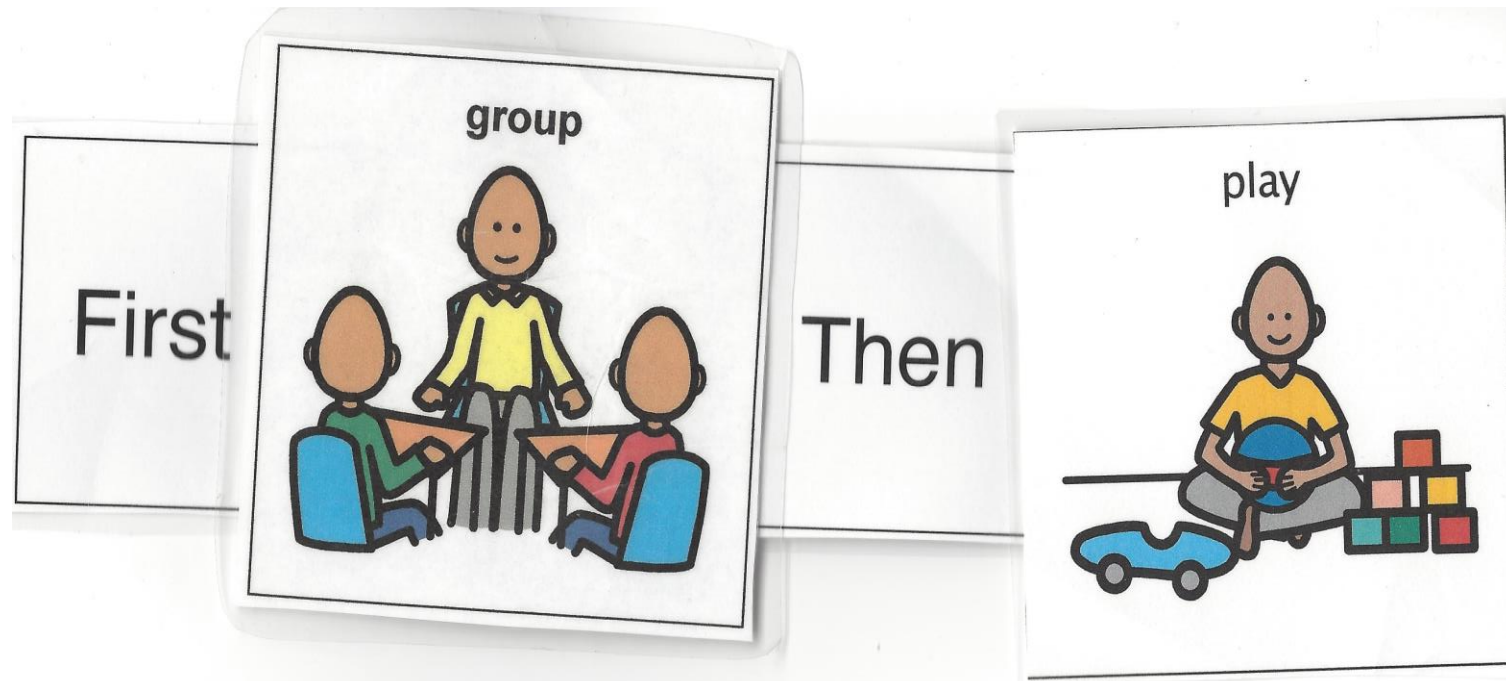
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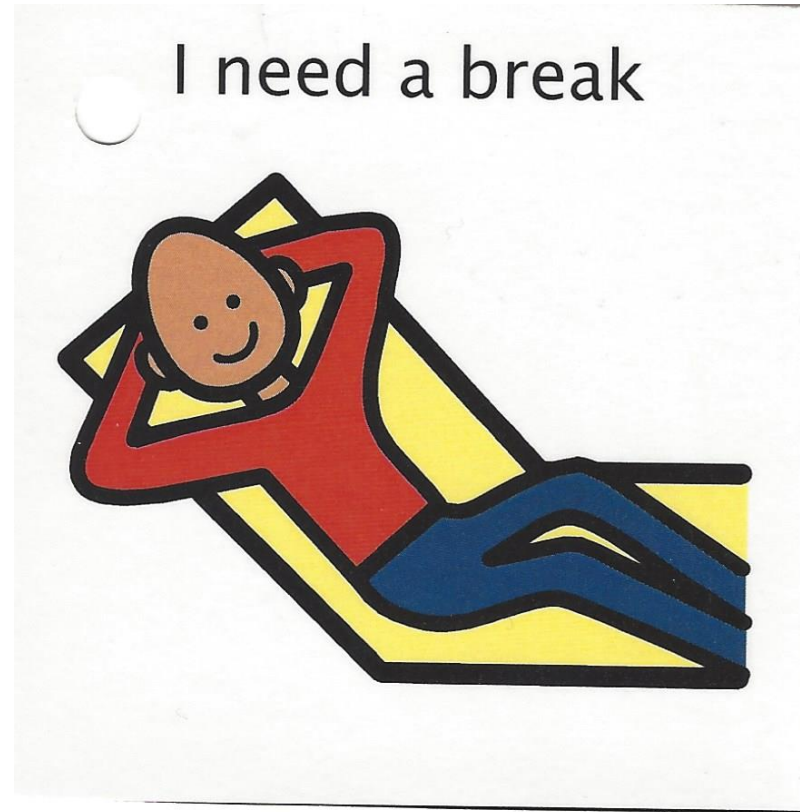
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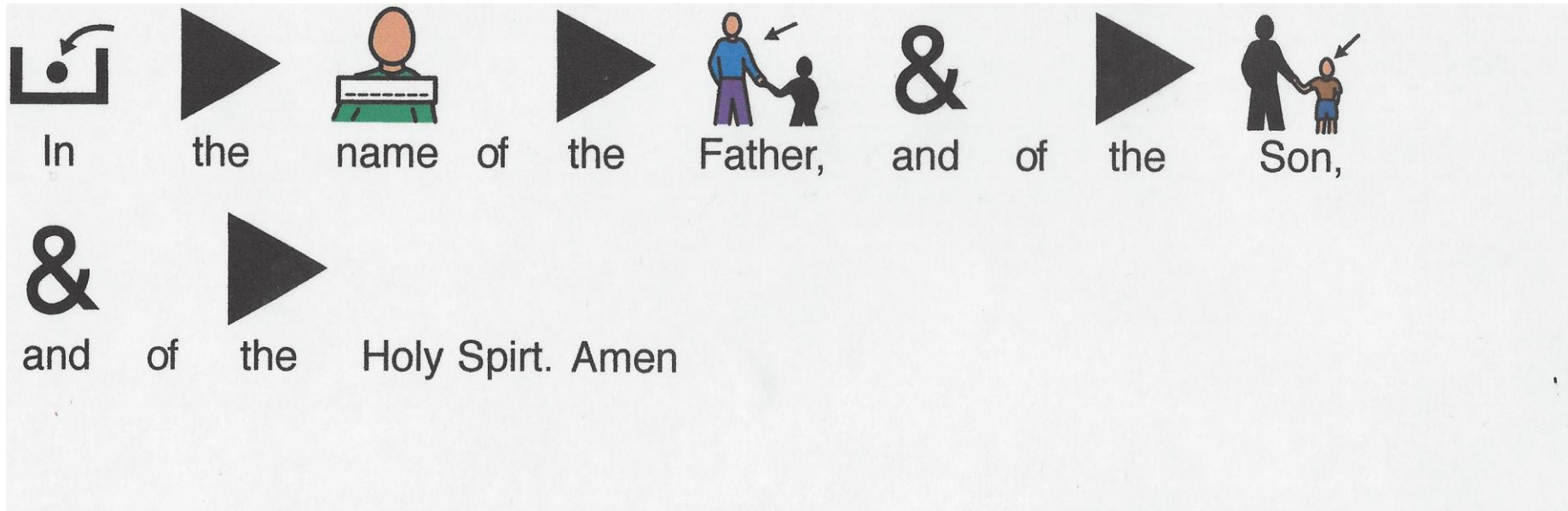
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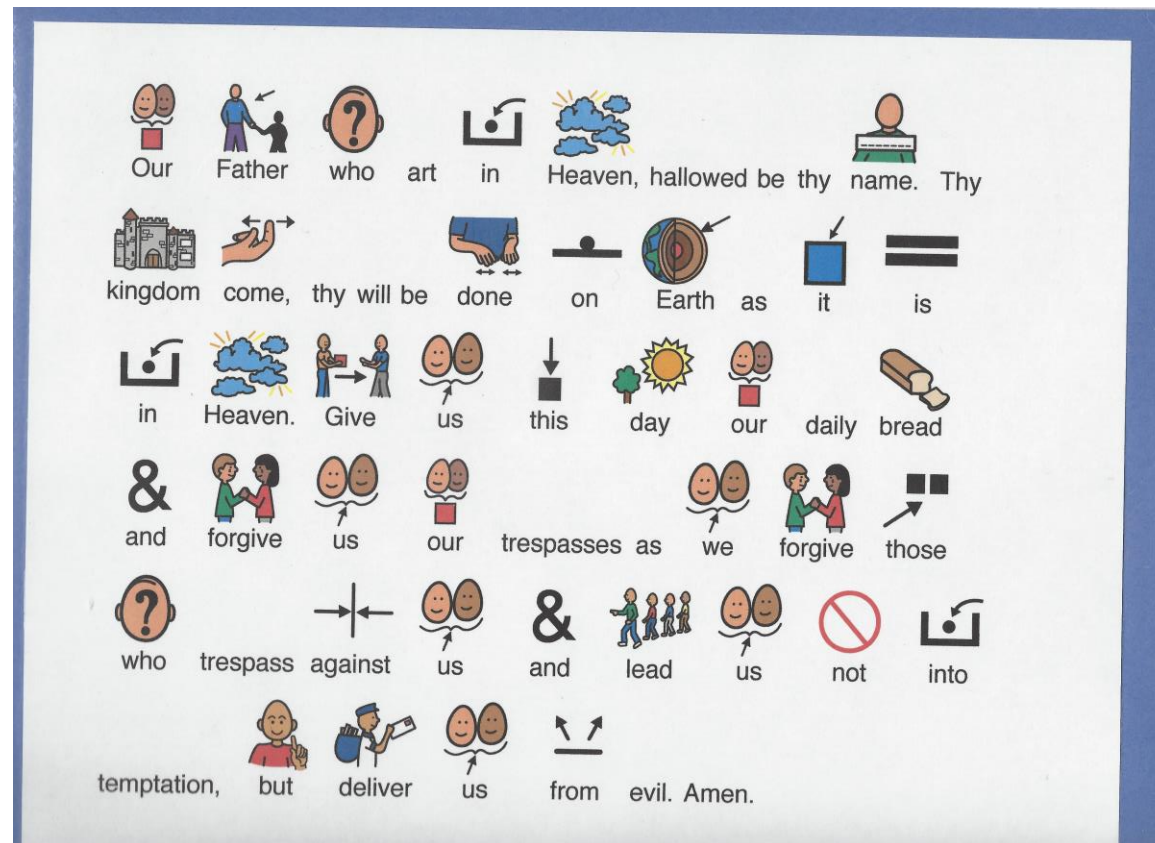


# Supportive visuals

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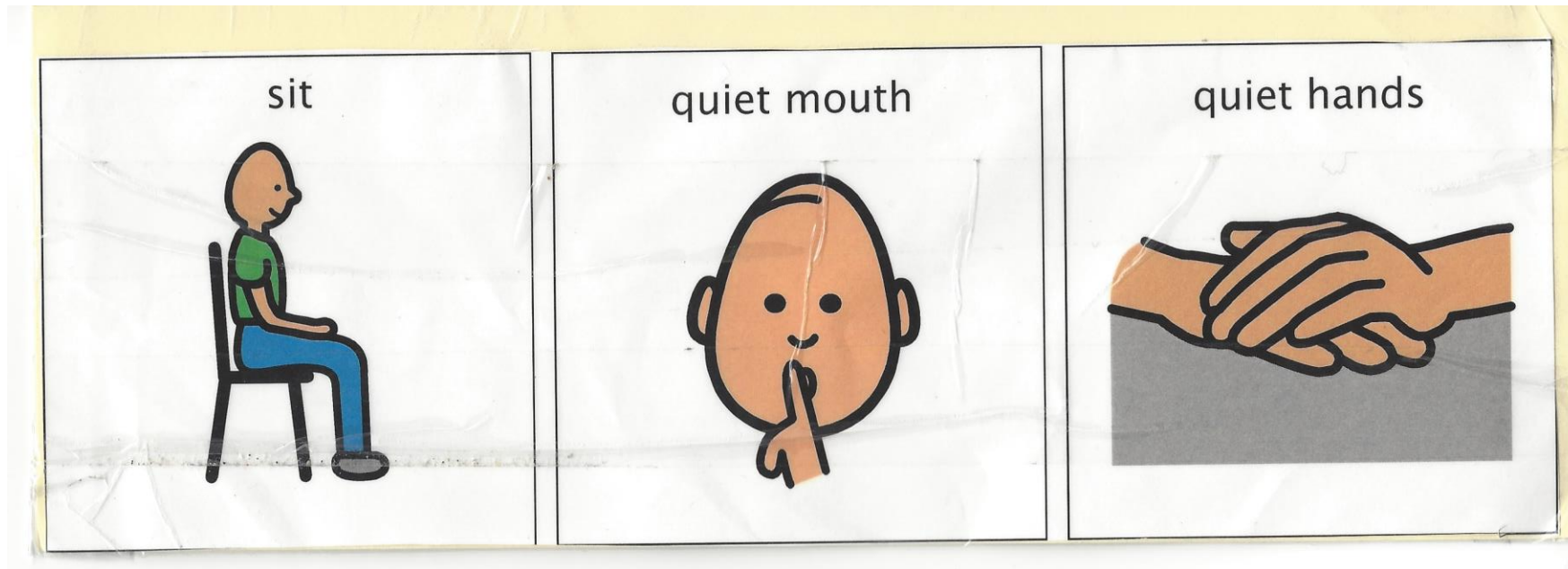
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# Motivational systems

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# What we didn't have time to discuss...

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Auditory challenges – FM Systems, earphones, earbuds

Olfactory challenges – seating near a window

Physical barriers – ramps, automatic doors

Modifications for those who are visually impaired

Braille, large print, magnifying glasses

Celebrating the Eucharist – shaping, dietary constraints

Participation in Sacraments – modified religious education curriculum

# Take a breath

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A lot of information to absorb

Comes down to meeting folks where they are  
and scaffolding effectively

Efficient, effective , respectful – the mantra



Would you like copies?

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Powerpoint presentation and documents will be  
made available through the website

Thank you Sister Kathleen!



Questions/Comments

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