

Religious Education Newsletter

Fall Edition
September 2010

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION for CHILDREN

This program is for children, ages 8-15, who wish to prepare for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and/or Eucharist. The group meets on **Wednesday evenings, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in Room 1**, and is led by Bill and Lisa Spaulding. The calendar for this year follows:

September 29	Welcome Candidates & Parents
Oct. 6	7:00 pm Tour of Church
Oct. 13	Class
October 20	Parent Meeting & Class
October 27	Class
Nov 3, 10	Class
November 17	Class for Candidates/ Parents/Sponsors - Practice Rite of Acceptance
November 24	NO CLASS
November 28	9:30 Mass - Rite of Acceptance
December 1, 8	Class
Dec 15, 22	Class
December 29	NO CLASS
January 5	NO CLASS
Jan 12, 19	Class
January 26	Sacrament of Reconciliation
February 2	Class
February 9	Parent Meeting & Class
February 16	NO CLASS
Feb 23, Mar 2	Class
March 9	7:00 Mass – Ash Wednesday
March 16	Class
March 19	5:00 Mass Rite of Enrollment
March 23, 30	Class
April 6, 13, 20	Class
April 23	9:00am Rehearsal Easter Vigil
April 23	7:00 Easter Vigil
April 27	Last Class



2010-2011 tuition payments are due by the first day of classes. Please be assured that financial difficulties should never keep your children from Religious Education. We simply ask that you document any inability to pay in a confidential letter to Sr. Jane Keller. We also ask that you support our two fundraisers each year. They are paramount to keeping costs down.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Religious Education cancellations or postponements will be announced on the following channels/stations:

WGAL-TV FOX-43 Warm 103

Lessons missed due to cancelled classes or absences should be completed at home before the next scheduled class. You will be notified if a *snow make-up date is held on February 20, 2011.*

Religious Education Holidays

No classes will be held on the following dates:

November 24 and 28
December 26 and 29
January 2 and 5
February 16 and 20
April 24

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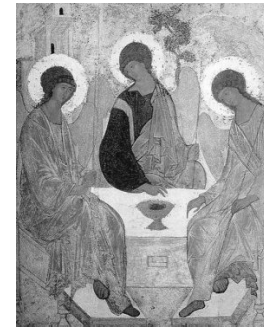
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the faith development of our youth!

Dear Friends and Families,
Welcome to our new catechetical year! It is indeed a privilege to walk with you through the liturgical seasons of '10-'11 and embrace together the joys and challenges accompanying the faith development of our youth!

As we reflect on the image of the Trinity to guide us this year, we invite all to the table to join us in ministry. In order to follow the Father, may we listen to the Holy Spirit and walk in the footsteps of the Son as we carry on our important task.

We continue to be grateful to all of you who have found it possible to assist as catechists, facilitators, team members, office and hospitality personnel—without whom our programs and projects would not be possible. Your generous offering of time, talent and service models well the vibrant involvement and responsible stewardship we encourage among the people here at St. Rose of Lima.

Let us together be attentive to the workings of the Spirit among us, actively believing that we are co-creators in building, sustaining and renewing domestic, parish and global community.

Gratefully and prayerfully,
Sister Jane Keller, S.S.J.

Nurturing Family Faith

As a parish community, we realize the importance of offering different opportunities for involvement in the church for people of all ages. Thanks to several families that have taken the initiative, a Youth Group for parishioners in grades 7-12 is now meeting one Sunday each month from 6-8:00pm. to invite greater participation in the parish and broader community. Come learn more at our September gathering! Please join us!



IMPORTANT:

- Religious Education classes begin for Nursery-Grade 5 on Sept. 26th.
- **PLEASE NOTE the change in starting time for Sessions A & B on Sundays. Classes begin promptly at 8:10 and 10:10 am.**
- This schedule allows for mass attendance following religious education class.
- The first session for Grades 6-12 (Jr/Sr High) will be held on Oct. 3 starting at 12:30 pm.
- Sacrament Prep classes begin on Wednesday, October 6 at 6:30 pm.



PARENT MEETING: October 17th

An important parent meeting will be held for all families enrolled in religious education during classes on **Sunday, October 17th**. Please plan to attend during the A, B, or Jr/Sr High session. A packet of information will also be handed out on that day. Included in this packet will be:

- **Parent/Student Handbook** and **Pastoral Assessment Booklet** – for new registered families
- **Religious Education Parent Contract** - must be signed and returned by **11/21/10**
- **Fall Pizza Sale Fundraiser Forms**

If you do not receive these items, please contact the Religious Education Office to arrange receipt of this important information.

PARENTS ARE CATECHISTS

The Pastoral Assessment Booklet notes specific points of knowledge for students at all levels, however it is not comprehensive. The diocesan website provides grade-level curriculum standards and we ask you to review this to share with your children. Go to www.hbgdiocese.org, click on Religious Education, then PreK-8 Religious Ed Curriculum under question #2, Curriculum by Grade. *We understand that parents are the most important catechists to children and reinforcement of these teachings at home is critical.*



Fundrai\$er\$

Our annual **pizza fundraiser** continues this Fall. In addition to offerings from both Domino's and Papa John's, St. Rose will offer gift certificates from two local establishments: **Lattuca's** and **Jim & Nena's** on West Market Street. Keep this in mind for easy holiday gifts – or for anytime of the year!




SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION

Our Parish Confirmation program is a formation process that centers on the interaction of students with people in their lives who “make a difference” - their parents, their sponsors, and their peers. We begin with a student/parent meeting to explore the topic ***CAN CONFIRMATION MAKE A DIFFERENCE?*** Each sponsor will be required to attend one of two information presentations (October 30 **or** December 4) on what it means to be a sponsor of a Confirmation candidate. Over the next six months we will **QUEST** to find evidence of the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Parents and sponsors point the way to show God's presence. They also stand in prayer and example for these young people looking forward to Confirmation on **March 19, 2011**, full of the fire of the Spirit!

Important Confirmation Dates

October 30	Parent/Student Meeting	
3:00-4:45	Parish Center Auditorium	3:45
-4:45	Sponsor Info Session -DR	5:00
	Mass: Rite of Welcome	
October 31-November 2	Forty Hours	
	<i>Candidates are required to attend two nights as their retreat experience, either Sunday or Monday <u>and</u> Tuesday. Please sign-in on sheet in back of church.</i>	
December 4	Parent/Student Meeting	
3:00-4:45	Parish Center Auditorium	
3:45-4:45	Sponsor Info Session -DR	
5:00	Mass: Rite of Choice	
December 12	Pancake Breakfast	
January 22	Sponsor/Student Meeting	
3:00-4:45	Parish Center Auditorium	
5:00	Mass: Rite of Enrollment	
March 5	Sponsor/Student Meeting	
3:00-4:45	Parish Center Auditorium	
5:00	Mass: Rite of Sending	
March 17	Sponsor/Student Rehearsal	
7:00 pm	St. Rose of Lima	
March 19	CONFIRMATION	
10:00 am	St. Rose of Lima	



“The Church needs you, as young people, to manifest to the world the face of Jesus Christ, visible in the Christian community.”

- Pope Benedict XVI

SENIOR HIGH: GRADES 9-12

Religious Education does not end with Confirmation—it is a lifelong process! Join senior high students in Room 1 on the first floor of the Parish Center for nine sessions from 12:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. for the following dates:

- #1 Oct. 3, 17 and Nov. 7, 2010
Sacred Relationships
Facilitator – C. Shubert, W. Shubert, A. Shubert
- #2 Nov. 21, Dec. 5 and 19, 2010
Stewardship in Action
Facilitators - C. Strathmeyer, B. Strathmeyer
- #3 Jan. 16, 30 and Feb. 13, 2011
Remodeling our Faith
Facilitators– P. Alexander, M. Barton

SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION and EUCHARIST

Children preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. **beginning on October 6th**. Parents are to escort their children to their classroom on the second floor of the Parish Center. Parents are to pick their children up at the classroom door at dismissal. Room assignments are as follows:

2A Room 7 N. Weekley, A. Elicker,
T. Elicker, J. Febres

2B Room 8 B. Hanuska, T. Hawkins,
M. Guyer, J. Gordon

Please enter and exit the Parish Center through the double doors facing the rear of the Church. Each student will receive a folder containing the text and important handouts. Also in the folder is a parent signature sheet. Parents are to sign it each week after they have reviewed the material covered in class and read the weekly newsletter. Please remove all papers from the folder before bringing it back the following week.

The first half of the term centers on preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The children are divided into two groups for instruction. During the evening, they change classrooms for lessons in doctrine, scripture, prayer, and life response.

It is very important that parents help their children with the homework assignments and to personalize the material in the book by helping the child recall times when they experienced community, forgiveness, sharing, caring, etc.

SCHEDULE

- ♥ October 6 Classes begin 6:30-8:00 pm
- ♥ October 20 Parent Meeting 6:30 in Parish Center Auditorium
- ♥ November 24 NO CLASS
- ♥ December 29 NO CLASS
- ♥ January 5 NO CLASS
- ♥ **January 15** First Reconciliation Retreat 9:30 am - PC Auditorium 11:00 a.m. **Sacrament of First Reconciliation**
- ♥ February 9 Parent Meeting 6:30 in Parish Center Auditorium
- ♥ February 16 NO CLASS (*unless needed as a snow make-up day*)
- ♥ March 19 Rite of Enrollment – 5pm Mass
- ♥ April 2 First Eucharist Family Retreat 9:30 – 3:00 in the Parish Center Auditorium
- ♥ April 27 Rehearsal for First Eucharist **6:00 p.m.** in the Church
- ♥ **April 30** **10 am—First Eucharist Celebration Mass**
- ♥ May 7 May Crowning at 5pm Mass



Service & Stewardship

How will you be involved in religious education this year? In addition to reviewing class material with your children, our Pastoral Assessment Book encourages each family to consider what service you can provide during the year. Please give this some prayerful consideration. We will be asking students to track their service projects to reflect upon further. Teachers and classes may also initiate projects for our community so please stay tuned to announcements about these efforts.

CLEARANCES REQUIRED

We remind all volunteers that in order to be in compliance with the Youth Protection Program of the Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg, all clearances, paperwork and tests required, must be completed prior to beginning your assignment. These pieces are necessary to have in place for our records and for issuing your identity badges. If you are age 18 or older, you will need these clearances in order to assist with any youth-related programs. Those who have their ID badge from last year are in compliance until December 2010, at which time we will take the necessary steps to update you. Remember to wear your badge for teaching and service. Please contact the Parish Office with questions. Thank you for helping to ensure the safety of our children.

Mini-Courses

We continue to use an age-appropriate structure for our junior and senior high courses which are based on interactive sessions with a facilitator. These courses meet bi-monthly, October—March. Junior high topics for this year include:

Gifted with the Holy Spirit
Way of Prayer
Morality & Decisions
Peace and Justice
Human Sexuality
The Church
New Testament
Hebrew Scriptures
What are the Sacraments?
Friends with Jesus
Catholic Social Teaching

The facilitators for this program are: J. Bergdoll, D. Bradley, N. Boyd, B. Boyd, D. Copenheaver, L. Delp, R. Erdlen, D. Hoover, L. Hunter, B. Kniery, S. Kubicki, K. Markel, J. McGuire, T. Moon, J. Moran, A. Petz, J. Riley, K. Shorr, M. Sipe, L. Smith, K. Stephens, M. Vaupel, L. Wendt

YOUTH GROUP

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to participate in the St. Rose Youth Group which is meeting on the third Sunday evening of each month. Check the bulletin and parish website for more details.

The next meeting is **Sunday, September 19 from 6:00-8:00 pm**. Bring a friend & come check it out! We hope to see you there!

Mark Your Calendars

9/18-19: *Catechetical Weekend* Masses at 5:00 pm (at school), 9:30 (at church), & 10:30 (at school) – Blessing of all Catechists, Teachers, Aides, Facilitators, Team Members, and Administrators.

9/19: Youth Group 6-8:00 pm

9/26: **Classes begin** for Nursery thru Grade 5—A & B Sessions

10/3: Grade 6, Jr and Sr High Sessions begin at 12:30 pm

10/6: Grade 2 Sacrament Prep classes begin.

11/4: Grade 5 and 6 Human Sexuality Forum “It’s Time to Talk” for all parents and students. Discuss privileges, behaviors, and responsibilities approaching puberty. Presented by our Human Sexuality Team. 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Auditorium. Babysitting provided.

11/13 Diocesan Catechetical Conference

11/20 *Christmas Festival*

12/3: Grade 4 and 5 Human Sexuality Forum for all parents and students. Targets the specific teachings in the fourth grade curriculum offered in St. Rose School and Religious Education Programs. 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. in the Parish Center Auditorium. Babysitting provided. *(5th grade students who did not attend last year’s program are invited to join us.)*

2/6 Spaghetti Dinner –Religious Ed spring fundraiser. Anyone able to help with this event, please call Sr. Jane.

Family Night at McDonalds - Third Monday of the Month – September through April. Eat dinner at McDonalds 5:00-7:00pm (2025 York Crossing directly in front of Target). McDonalds graciously donates 20% of the night’s proceeds to St. Rose School and Religious Education programs. Each grade will be asked to host an hour of service-hospitality for one of these evenings.



Room Assignments, Catechists & Class Schedules

- **3s (N) First Floor -- Room 3**

10:10 – M. Brown, A. Jacobs, P. Gross, A. Gross, C. Lunny, R. Lunny, J. Peters

- **4s (PK) First Floor -- Room 2:**

8:10 – M. Charnigo, A. Charnigo, B. Foster, R. Foster, N. Rost, T. Rost, S. Rost, J. Rost
10:10 - A. Brown, M. DiPietro, N. Long, M. Pokrivka, R. Pokrivka, D. Stewart, M. Stewart

- **Kindergarten First Floor -- Room 4:**

8:10 - B. Ebersole, C. Deller, K. Rinehart, K. Toren, K. Ferguson, M. Ferguson, D. Senft, E. Smith
10:10 – J. Bunnell, M. Kim, K. Lavine, B. Markel, K. Pokrivka

- **Grade 1 Second Floor -- Room 5:**

8:10 – R. Bell, M. Bell, T. Kniery, B. Templin, E. Yanick, B. Yanick
10:10 – S. Garrett, J. Garrett, B. Garrett, N. Harnish, C. Harnish, M. Smith, K. Welker

- **Grade 3 Second Floor -- Room 6:**

8:10 – N. Basso, E. Basso, C. Brumley, J. Dillow, S. Silvestri, B. Smith

10:10 – J. Hershberger, J. McCarthy, S. McCarthy, L. Webb, F. Webb

- **Grade 4 Second Floor -- Room 7:**

8:10 – A. Boyer, T. Burns, C. Burns, D. Guerin, W. Guerin, W. Love, N. Schmerbeck, M. Slankard

10:10 – T. Campisi, R. Campisi, D. Campisi, B. Maze, S. Maze, R. Maze, D. Ropp

- **Grade 5 Second Floor -- Room 8**

8:10 – E. Gutierrez, P. Holder, D. Holder, D. Kubicki, M. Ludwig

10:10 – B. Hartinger, A. Hartinger, P. Hartinger, T. Hartinger, K. Scherpf, L. Steck

Junior High / Grades 6-8 Schedule

12:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.



October 3 and 17
November 7 and 21
December 5 and 19
January 16 and 30
February 13 and 27
March 13 and 27

Grades 7-8 will find a roster of room #s depending on the mini-course.

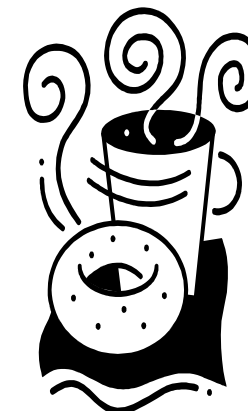
- **Grade 6A -- First floor -- Room 3:**

J. Miller, B. Kniery, C. Strathmeyer, M. Strathmeyer

- **Grade 6B -- First floor -- Room 4**

D. Gerzewski, K. Gerzewski, K. O'Brien, M. Trimmer

OFFICE AIDES: S. Barton, M. Blouse, G. Bowman, K. Carlisle, A. Elicker, D. Hertnecky, L. Kim, T. Lawruk, K. O'Brien, F. Rorick, A. Scerbo



COFFEE & DONUTS will be served in the Parish Center following the 9:30 mass the weeks when junior high classes meet.

*All are welcome!
Please join us!*

October 2010

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3*	4	5	6*	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17*	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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10/17: PARENT MEETING

10/30-11/2: Forty Hours Devotions in Parish held each evening in the church from 7:00-9:00 pm.

11/7: *Daylight Saving Time Ends*