

Religious Education Newsletter

Fall Edition
September 2011

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 general calendar for this year follows:

September 28	Welcome Candidates & Parents
Oct. 5	6:30—Class
Oct. 12	7:00 pm Tour of Church
October 19	Parent Meeting & Class
(Sun) Oct. 23	Parent Meeting
October 26	Class
Nov 2, 9, 16, 30	Class
Nov 16	Class for Candidates— Parents/Sponsors - Prac tice Rite of Welcome
Nov 23	NO CLASS
Nov 27	9:30 Mass - Rite of Wel come
Nov. 30	7:00—Sponsor Meeting
Dec 7, 14, 21	Class
Dec 29	NO CLASS
January 4	NO CLASS
Jan 11, 18, 25	Class
Feb 1, 8, 29	Class
Feb 8	Parent Meeting & Class
Feb 15	NO CLASS
Feb 22	7:00 Mass – Ash Wednesday & Rehearsal for Rite of Sending
(Sun) Feb 26	9:30 am Mass—Rite of Sending & Rite of Elec tion in Harrisburg
Mar 7, 14, 21, 28	Class
(Sun) Mar 11, 18, 25	9:30 am Mass— First, Second, Third Scrutinies
Apr 4	Class, “Our Father” & First Confessions
April 7	9:00am Rehearsal
April 7	7:00pm Easter Vigil
April 11	Last Class



2011-2012 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 23 and 27

December 25 and 28

January 1 and 4

February 15 and 19 (*possible snow make-up*)

April 8

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Welcoming the
**ROMAN
MISSAL**
THIRD EDITION
Deepen... Nurture... Celebrate

Dear Friends and Families,

Welcome to our new catechetical year! Indeed, the '11-'12 catechetical year will be full of learning opportunities for all of us as

we join as “One Body, One Spirit and One Voice” embracing the new language of our Mass. Please watch for dates in the bulletin regarding information sessions about these changes so that you can become more fully informed about their meaning..

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. We always welcome new involvement so feel free to speak with me regarding your ideas and areas of interest.

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 our domestic, parish and global community.

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

“Great Adventure” Bible Study

St. Rose parishioners are embarking on an adventure that will explore 14 narrative books of the Bible. With materials from Catholic Word Publishing Group, we'll use an informative Bible timeline and gain context for the other books of the Bible. We will likely be meeting on Thursday evenings for 8 weeks, however, this is not yet finalized. Please contact Sr. Jane if you are interested. We will do our best to accommodate as many people's schedules as possible.



IMPORTANT:

- Religious Education classes begin for Nursery-Grade 5 on Sept. 25.
- **PLEASE NOTE that classes begin promptly at 8:10 (A Session) and 10:10 am (B Session).**
- 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. 9 starting at 12:30 pm following the 11:30 mass.
- Sacrament Prep classes begin on Wednesday, October 5 at 6:30 pm.

PARENT MEETING: October 23rd

An important parent meeting will be held for all families enrolled in religious education during classes on **Sunday, October 23**. Please plan to attend during the A, B, or Jr/Sr High session. Expectations and policies will be outlined and an important packet of information will also be handed out on that day, some of which will need to be signed and returned. If you do not receive these items, please contact the Religious Education Office to arrange receipt of this important information.

PARENTS ARE CATECHISTS

St. Rose's Religious Education Office provides a **Pastoral Assessment Booklet** as a guide for learning benchmarks. It 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.*

Assessing Learning

Religious education class time is limited, so we want to ensure that students are grasping the essential elements of Catholic teaching. Over the last couple of years, we have been providing Unit Tests to students in grades 1– 6 on a regular basis. Dates scheduled for Unit Tests are as follows:

- 10/30: Unit 1 Test
- 12/4: Unit 2 Test
- 2/5: Unit 3 Test
- 3/11: Unit 4 Test
- 4/29: Unit 5 Test

While we will provide some time for in-class review, we ask that you work with your children to prepare as they would for any test.



Fall Fundrai\$er

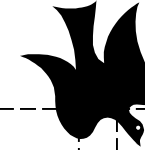
Our annual **pizza fundraiser** continues this Fall. In addition to offerings from both Domino's and Papa John's, St. Rose will offer gift certificates from **local** establishments including **Lattuca's**, **Genova's**, and **Jim & Nena's** on West Market Street. Keep this in mind for easy holiday gifts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



SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION

At the request of Bishop McFadden of the Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg, we have reviewed our Confirmation preparation program more closely and you will find an enhanced schedule of sessions and experiences. We will begin with an important meeting on September 24th before the 5:00 mass. A group Retreat will be held the following Saturday on October 1st. See the enclosed flyers. A team of presenters has been assembled to guide our discussions as we "**QUEST**" to find evidence of the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives and how to demonstrate these gifts more fully as young adults.

Please note that each sponsor will be required to attend one of two information sessions (November 5 **or** December 10) on what it means to be a sponsor of a Confirmation candidate. Sponsors are welcome to attend any and all sessions. Parents and sponsors point the way to show God's presence to our young people. They also stand in prayer and example for our candidates looking forward to Confirmation on **March 26, 2012**, as they embrace the fire of the Spirit!



Important Confirmation Dates

2011

Religious Education Students are expected to attend all of these sessions in addition to the Mini-Courses on alternating Sundays.

September 24	Parent/Student/Sponsor Meeting
3:00-4:45	Parish Center Auditorium
5:00	Mass: Rite of Welcome
October 1	Retreat, Emmitsburg, Md
9:00-4:00	<i>See enclosed flyer for details</i>
October 30	40 Hours Eucharistic Devotions
12:30-7:00	<i>Please come for Adoration</i>
November 5	Parent/Student/Sponsor Meeting
3:00-4:45	Parish Center Auditorium
4:00-4:45	Sponsor Info Session -DR
5:00	Mass: Rite of Choice
December 10	Parent/Student/Sponsor Meeting
3:00-4:45	Parish Center Auditorium
4:00-4:45	Sponsor Info Session -DR
5:00	Mass: Rite of Enrollment

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2012

PLEASE NOTE: Sessions days and times vary as well as the location

January 22	Parent/Student/Sponsor Meeting
12:30-2:30	Parish Center Auditorium
February/March	Candidate Interviews will be held
February 25	Parent/Student/Sponsor Meeting
3:00-4:45	Parish Center Auditorium
5:00	Mass: Rite of Welcome
March 10	Parent/Student/Sponsor Meeting
3:00-4:45	St. Rose School, Thomasville
5:00	Mass: Rite of Sending
March 22	Sponsor/Student Rehearsal
7:00 pm	St. Rose of Lima Church
March 26	CONFIRMATION
5:30 pm	St. Rose of Lima

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 5th**. Parents are to escort their children to their classroom on the second floor of the Parish Center. Group 2A will meet in Room 7 and 2B in Room 8. Parents are to pick their children up at the classroom door at dismissal. Teachers include: M. Brittain, N. Harnish, L. King, J. Peters, N. Taylor, and P. Tile.

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 5 Classes begin 6:30-8:00 pm
- ♥ October 19 Parent Meeting 6:30 in Parish Center Auditorium
- ♥ November 23 NO CLASS
- ♥ December 28 NO CLASS
- ♥ January 4 NO CLASS
- ♥ **January 14** First Reconciliation Retreat 9:30 am - PC Auditorium 11:00 a.m. **Sacrament of First Reconciliation**
- ♥ February 8 Parent Meeting 6:30 in Parish Center Auditorium
- ♥ February 15 NO CLASS (*unless needed as a snow make-up day*)
- ♥ March 10 Rite of Enrollment – 5pm Mass
- ♥ March 24 First Eucharist Family Retreat 9:30 – 3:00 in the Parish Center Auditorium
- ♥ April 18 Rehearsal for First Eucharist **6:00 p.m.** in the Church
- ♥ **April 21** **10 am—First Eucharist Celebration Mass**
- ♥ May 5 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. Remember to wear your badge for teaching and service.

YOUTH GROUP on Facebook!



St. Rose youth in grades 7-12 are invited to join activities at any time and to bring a friend. The next gathering is:

Sunday, September 18 from 6:00-8:00 pm—clean up of church grounds and Print-o-Stat lot following the York Fair. Check the bulletin and parish website for future dates.

*** Adults with clearances are always welcome!*

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
Question of Morality
Peace and Justice
Theology of the Body
The Church
New Testament
Hebrew Scriptures

What are the Sacraments About?
Friends with Jesus
Catholic Social Teaching

The facilitators for this program are: D. Bradley, N. Boyd, B. Boyd, D. Copenheaver, L. Delp, R. Erdlen, K. Fleming, L. Hunter, B. Kniery, J. McGuire, J. Miller, J. Moran, J. Riley, K. Shorr, M. Sipe, L.

SENIOR HIGH: GRADES 9-12

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. 9, 23 and Nov. 6, 2011
Marriage: Sacred Relationships
Facilitators – M. Blouse, C. Shubert, W. Shubert, A. Shubert

#2 Nov. 20, Dec. 4 and 18, 2010
Remodeling Our Faith
Facilitators - P. Alexander, M. Barton

#3 Jan. 15, 29 and Feb. 12, 2011
Witnessing Faith-Filled Living
Facilitators— B. Mialki, L. Mialki



Mark Your Calendars

SEPTEMBER:

9/17-18: 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.

9/18: Youth Group 6-8:00 pm

9/25: Classes begin for Nursery thru Grade 5—A & B Sessions

9/25: Basket Bingo (see bulletin)

OCTOBER:

10/5: Grade 2 Sacrament Prep classes begin

10/9: Grade 6, Junior High, and Senior High classes begin at 12:30 pm

10/15: Parish Fun Night for Adults—Murder Mystery

10/23: PARENT MEETING

10/30-11/1: Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions in Parish.

NOVEMBER:

11/6:  It's time to "Fall Back!" Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday at 2am

11/3: 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.

11/12 Diocesan Catechetical Conference



11/19 Parish Christmas Festival

DECEMBER:

12/1: 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.)

FEBRUARY:

2/4 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 – S. Barton, W. Barton, K. Clineburg, A. Jacobs, P. Gross, A. Gross, N. Weekley, A. Werner

• 4s (PK) First Floor -- Room 2:

8:10 – B. Foster, R. Foster, N. Rost, T. Rost, J. Rost, L. Rupp
10:10 - A. Brown, J. Brown, W. DiPietro, M. DiPietro, R. DiPietro, M. Pokrivka, R. Pokrivka

• Kindergarten First Floor -- Room 4:

8:10 - C. Bell, B. Ebersole, C. Deller, K. Rinehart, K. Toren, M. Toren, D. Senft
10:10 – M. Kim, K. Lavine, B. Markel, K. Pokrivka, D. Stewart, M. Stewart

• Grade 1 Second Floor -- Room 5:

8:10 – R. Bell, M. Bell, T. Hawkins, R. Tabone, E. Yanick, B. Yanick
10:10 – W. Barton, J. Bunnell, M.C. Miller, K. Miller, M. Smith, C. Srebro

• Grade 3 Second Floor -- Room 6:

8:10 – N. Basso, L. Garner, D. Hoover, C. Hoover, W. Love, S. Silvestri
10:10 – M. Guyer, P. Markey, B. Markey, J. McCarthy, S. McCarthy, B. Shearer

• Grade 4 Second Floor -- Room 7:

8:10 – C. Brumley, M. Brumley, J. Dillow, J. Kohl, J. Kohl, H. Kohl, S. Silvestri
10:10 – J. & J. Hershberger, L. Webb, F. Webb, B. Wood, S. Wood

• Grade 5 Second Floor -- Room 8

8:10 – E. Gutierrez, M. Fuentes, P. Holder, A. Holder, D. Holder, J. Schumacher, A. Schumacher, J. Schumacher, S. Schumacher
10:10 – T. Campisi, R. Campisi, D. Campisi, B. Hartinger, A. Hartinger, P. Hartinger, T. Hartinger, S. Maze, B. Maze, R. Maze

Junior High / Grades 6-8 Schedule

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



October 9 and 23
November 6 and 20
December 4 and 18
January 15 and 29
February 12 and 26
March 11 and 25

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

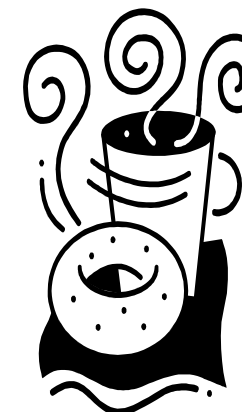
• Grade 6A -- First floor -- Room 3:

C. Strathmeyer, B. Strathmeyer, M. Strathmeyer, M. Ludwig

• 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, T. Carrico, T. Elicker, J. Febres, L. Kim, T. Lawruk, K. O'Brien, D. Ropp, F. Rorick, A. Scerbo



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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!