



Religious Education Office

SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER, 2018 NEWSLETTER

Happy Fall, RE families!

It's mid-October, temps are finally feeling fall-like, and everyone is hopefully settling into the new school year. I wanted to fill everyone in on some important reminders, upcoming events, and provide a calendar reminder for the upcoming months.

RE PICK UP AND DROP OFF – Thank you to all who are following new procedures. Please remember that the 'loop' drive directly in front of school is for dropping off students only – NO PARKING. Please do not park in incoming or outgoing driveways on Sunday mornings. Parents MUST walk to front doors of school to collect their children, not call them to the car. This is a safety issue for both sessions. Tuesdays it is now dark and Sundays we are dealing with Mass traffic. Just because the Knights are no longer with us on Sunday morning doesn't mean that we don't still follow the procedures that are in place for this year, due to construction.



Sunday Mass – Just a gentle reminder that we gather on Sunday mornings (or Saturday evening) to worship, praise, and to celebrate the Eucharist. No Religious Ed class can ever, ever replace Mass. That is why classes are scheduled around Mass times, not during. This is our best way to follow the Third Commandment, to keep Sunday Holy. Children better understand what they learn about our Catholic faith when they attend Mass. Class, Mass, what we live during the week – that helps us all to live what we learn and what we believe.

Teaching Mass this November! The first 3 weekends in November – 3/4, 10/11, & 17/18 – Three sessions of teaching Mass will be offered at all weekend Masses. This will not add more than 5 minutes to any liturgy! What it will do is teach or remind us why we do what we do at Mass, and explain parts of the Mass. I have had parents say to me that if they either remembered or understood what we do at Mass and why, their attendance would probably be better. We both invite and strongly encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. Reminders will go out once the time draws closer.

REMIND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM - All families enrolled in any SMOS Parish Religious Education Program should be enrolled in any/all programs that you have students registered for. This is THE first, the fastest, the most effective means of getting information and reminders out to our families. If you are not subscribed, please do so today. Here are the instructions and class codes:

By phone: Text 81010

By email: www.remind.com/join

For both methods, at the @ symbol enter the class code:

Sunday RE: Sunday2014

Tuesday RE: smostues

Sunday Grade 9: smosgr9

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist: smosfe

Confirmation Class: smoscon

If you have children in more than 1 of these classes, then you must repeat the process for each group that applies to your family. This is not a 'one sign in takes care of it all' process.

If you have any trouble signing in, please notify me and I will subscribe you from the office.

*** I do ask that you do not reply to Remind notices or try to message me through Remind. For some reason, they do not go through. If you need to contact the Religious Ed Office, please email me at madeline@margaretofscotland.org or call the office 834 0225, during the regular offices hours of 9 to 4. ***

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

1	Monday	First Reconciliation Parent Meeting	6:30 pm	Church
7	Sunday	NO RE class today due to Columbus Day		
14	Sunday	9 th Grade RE classes begin 9:00 – 10:30 Mass	Meets in Social Room & Church	
21,23	Sun/Tues	First Reconciliation books due, chapters 1 – 3 complete. Bring to class; same day return		

NOVEMBER

1	Thursday	All Saints Day – Holyday of Obligation – Masses at 8:30 am & 7:00 pm		Church
2	Friday	All Souls Day – Mass of Remembrance -	7:00 pm	Church
4	Sunday	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS – CLOCKS FALL BACK 1 HOUR!		<i>WHOOHOO!</i>
3/4	Sat/Sun	Teaching Mass Session 1 at all Masses	5:30 Sat, 8:30 & 10:30 Sun	Church
10/11	Sat/Sun	Teaching Mass Session 2 at all Masses	5:30 Sat, 8:30 & 10:30 Sun	Church
17/18	Sat/Sun	Teaching Mass Session 3 at all Masses	5:30 Sat, 8:30 & 10:30 Sun	Church
13, 18	Tues/Sun	First Reconciliation books due, chapters 4 – 6 complete. Bring to class; same day return.		
20	Tuesday	NO RE Class this evening – Happy Thanksgiving		
25	Sunday	NO RE Class this weekend – Happy Thanksgiving		
26	Monday	First Reconciliation Meeting #2 – <u>Parents & Candidate attend</u>	6:30 pm	Church

DECEMBER

1	Saturday	First Reconciliation Day!	10:00 am	Church
2	Sunday	ADVENT BEGINS! New Church Year begins!		
8	Saturday	Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary	Holyday of Obligation	
15	Saturday	Breakfast in Bethlehem! 9 – 12 Noon, breakfast until 11am	Social Room, Gathering Space	
16	Sunday	Bambinelli Sunday – Bring Baby Jesus from your crèche to be blessed at all Masses		

A PRAYER FOR FALL

God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we embrace these autumn months,

May the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet remind us of the brevity of this earthly life.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us your breath of life.

*May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds
remind us that you call us to follow your will.*

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.

