

Saint Mary's Catholic Church – Newport

Dear Parents,

October 2017

- 1) We would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone for the new year of religious education in our Catholic Faith, the teachings of Jesus Christ, and preparation for the Sacraments. Along with celebrating Mass, CCD is a glorious way to begin and grow our relationship with Jesus.
- 2) We are fortunate and thankful to have dedicated, caring teachers for our children, and we appreciate and support them.
- 3) In order to promote good learning, a safe, considerate, and positive classroom environment is necessary. We would like all children to please treat others with respect; please come prepared for class with homework completed, and behave in class; to please follow directions from CCD teachers and aides; and we ask all parents to please make every attempt to have your child attend each class.
- 4) If homework is assigned, it is to be turned in the following week. If your child is absent he/she will be responsible for making up missed work.
- 5) Tests will be given throughout the CCD school year. They will let the teachers, parents, and Fr. Michael know how our children are progressing. In addition, a Faith Knowledge Assessment from the Archdiocese will be administered.
- 6) We need to have a copy of each child's Baptismal Certificate on file. If you already have provided it, Thank You! If your child is a new student, please provide us a copy as soon as you can.
- 7) Attached is a calendar to this letter to inform you of class days, events throughout the CCD school year, and certain holidays where there will be no class.
- 8) We request that the younger children, in grades one through four, be picked up by a Parent, at the ramp entrance of St. Francis Hall after their CCD class is over. If you plan to attend the 10:30am Mass, the younger children will not be allowed to walk over the Church unless an older family member accompanies them.

Please review all of the above with your children. Thank you and God Bless.

Father Michael Briese and Mary Ellen Heinze

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The following list of teachers and staff, and their phone numbers, are provided for your information and convenience:

Director of Religious Education (DRE) - Mary Ellen Heinze	301-934-4352
Grade 1 – Joanna Winters / Kevin Winters	301-751-4734
Grade 2 – Mary Ellen Howard	240-381-1138
Grade 3 – Megan Moore	301-643-8682
Grade 4 – June Wathen / Chris Wathen	301-934-8859
Grade 5 – Debbie Bennett	301-290-5255
Grade 6 – Joann Lennon	301-934-2039
Grade 7 – George Heinze	301-481-2086
Grade 8 – Mary Bailey / Lewis McIntyre	301-609-4566 / 301-934-5490
Substitute – June Wathen	301-934-8859
Substitute – Mark Abresch	301-934-4553
Substitute – Christine Abresch	301-934-4553
Substitute – Jill Wathen	301-934-1646
Substitute – Megan Maletto	301-934-5387
Substitute – Joe Troy	301-934-2185
Substitute – Erica Heinze	240-427-7704
Substitute – Tina Thorne	240-210-3990
CCD Administration – Nils Anderson	301-643-1318

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2017-2018 CCD School Calendar

Grades 1-8
Every Sunday Morning
September 10, 2017 to May 6, 2018
9:00am to 10:15am

Except for the following holidays:

Nov 26, 2017 – Thanksgiving
Dec 24, 2017 – Christmas
Dec 31, 2017 – Solemnity Of Mary / New Year's Day
April 1, 2018 – Easter

Class Participation at Church – 10:30am Mass

<u>2017 Dates</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>2018 Dates</u>	<u>Grade</u>
October 29	8	January 21	5
November 19	7	February 18	4
December 17	6	March 18	8
		April 15	7

Sacraments

First Penance: April 7, 2018
First Holy Communion: May 6, 2018
Confirmation: May 8, 2018