

ST. ANN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

Office of Religious Education

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Kindergarten - 6th Grades



It is with great joy that I accepted the position as Religious Coordinator for grades kindergarten through sixth at St. Ann's. I am looking forward to the opportunity to assist you and our catechists in the formation of your children in our Catholic faith.

The K-6 Religious Education program would not be the grace-filled success that it is without our dedicated volunteer catechists and aides. Please pray for the following who lead our children to Christ each Sunday:

Kindergarten - Colleen Shepherd, Cynthia Nemoto,
Suze Wesemann, Natasha Shepherd, Ellen Selby
1 A - Pat McDavid, Silke Reeves, Liz Wallach-Tate
1 B - Billie Shoemaker, Susan Mockler, Maggie
Macedonia

1 C - Beth Welsh, Laura Ryan, Kathleen Rehill

2 A - Betty Kirincich, Christina Patron

2 B - Deanne Sobczak, Deborah Morone

3 A - Annette Mohr, Bobbie Jaeger

3 B - Lisa Campbell, Liz Weist, Molly Grieco

4 A - Mike Nardolilli, Ann Nardolilli

4 B - Wendy MacCallum, Bridget Collins

5 A - Patty Hughes, Melissa Burris

5 B - Andrew Orlando, Mark Reeves, Ederlyn
Tanangco

6 A - Kelly Bingel, Kitty Phillips, Mary Clare
Penney

6 B - Nancy Malin & Sharon Curtin



This year we are using a new textbook series by Sadlier. Families are encouraged to supplement classroom lessons by using the Family Book that was sent home or by logging on to www.WEBELIEVweb.com

Please contact the Religious Education office if your child will be absent. Missed work will be sent home on Monday and should be returned to the teacher on Sunday.

7th & 8th GRADE



For those I have not met yet, my name is Nina Kuziel and I am the Religious Education Coordinator for 7th & 8th Grade. If you have seen a really tall girl walking around during Religious Ed, that's me! About a year and a half ago, I worked here at St. Ann's as an intern and absolutely loved it. So, I'm back! In addition to my role as the 7th & 8th grade Religious Education Coordinator, I am the Confirmation Coordinator (along with Toni Buranen) and Office Assistant at the school in the mornings. Fr. Greenhalgh is certainly keeping me busy! I am really looking forward to this year and working with the youth of St. Ann parish. It is going to be a great year!

This year, the 7th & 8th graders will meet on Sunday afternoons from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. in the middle school classrooms. We have four outstanding 7th and 8th grade catechists. We are truly blessed to have them here at St. Ann's and thankful to them for being so generous in answering the call to teach the faith to the youth. They are:

7th Grade:

Marty Sendek and Christin Strasser

8th Grade:

Sarah Flanagan and Terry Eiserman

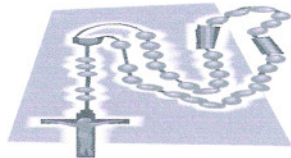
Please keep them and all of the students in your prayers as we begin another year of Religious Education. I pray that it is a fruitful year for all involved in the program and that we may continue to grow closer to God through His Son, Jesus, and in turn, grow closer to each other as a parish community.



SAFETY CONCERNS

Classes make for a busy parking lot at St. Ann. We ask you to remember the following in order to ensure the safety of all children on Sunday mornings. *We especially want to avoid having children walking through the parking lot unaccompanied by an adult.*

1. Parents of students in Grades K through 5 who drop off and pick up their children before and after class are asked to do so **only** at the courtyard entrance behind the school buildings (closest to the bike path and I-66). From the courtyard children can safely access any of the school buildings.
2. After class we will dismiss children in grades K-2 **only** to a parent/guardian or older sibling at the courtyard entrance behind the school buildings.
3. Children using the playground after class must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. *Please use extra caution when escorting children to/from the playground area.*
4. The two exit doors of Saint Ann School (those facing the driveway between the school and the church) are for emergency use **only** and should not be used on Sundays.

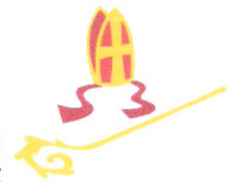


October, the month of the Holy Rosary, and a wonderful month to celebrate the lives of several important saints:

- Oct. 1 - St. Therese of Lisieux - her child-like devotion to God inspires all to imitate her Little Way.
 - Oct. 2 - The Guardian Angels - always watching over us!
 - Oct. 4 - St. Francis of Assisi - he embraced poverty and taught us to spread the Gospel and "to use words when necessary."
 - Oct. 15 - St. Teresa of Avila - a doctor of the Church, her wisdom teaches us "the Way to Perfection."
- Invite these saints into your home this month!

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES - OCT. 7TH in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday.

CONFIRMATION



Thank you to the Confirmation candidates, teens and adult volunteers of St. Ann's who helped out with the Pancake Breakfast on Sept. 9th. It was a huge success! We made over \$1200 (which will go towards the World Youth Day fund) and had a blast doing it! Thank you so much for your support!

THE CONFIRMATION RETREAT IS SAT., OCT. 20TH FROM 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M. AT THE YOUTH APOSTLES RETREAT CENTER IN McLEAN.

All Confirmation candidates are required to attend. Please meet at the retreat center; **do not** come to St. Ann's. Directions to the center were sent home in the Confirmation letter. If you need directions, please call (703) 528-6199, ext. 113 or email stannsyouthminister@yahoo.com. After the retreat, Fr. Greenhalgh will offer the 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Ann's for the Confirmation candidates. We encourage all to attend.

CONFIRMATION practice will take place on Monday night, Oct. 29th, at 7:00 p.m., in the Church. All candidates and sponsors should attend. This is the **ONLY** practice for Confirmation so please be there. The Confirmation ceremony is Tuesday night, Oct. 30th at 7:30 p.m. Please arrive no later than 6:45 p.m.



The next youth group meeting is Sun., Oct. 14th from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Teen Room. All Confirmation candidates should attend this meeting. The teens of the parish are welcome as well!!

All high school age parishioners are invited to join in the fun! We meet two Sundays a month from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. for faith formation, fun, fellowship, and of course, food. Occasionally, instead of a meeting, we complete various service projects, day trips, fundraisers, etc. Don't forget Tuesday Night Drop-ins, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., in the Teen Room. Bring your friends!