

**St. John Chrysostom Church
4750 Washington Street
West Roxbury, MA 02132**

August, 2008

Dear Parents and Guardians of First Grade students,

We are happy to welcome you and your child as you begin our home and parish program of initiation to the Eucharist and preparation for First Communion. We feel strongly that you as parents have a primary role in this preparation—a role you carry out simply by being good Christian parents. We wish to support you in this role. Teachers in our First Eucharistic Program are ready to assist you as you begin your child's formal religious education. By working together, we hope to offer your child a happy and positive experience of Church and Religious Education. Attendance in this grade is important in order for a child to be prepared for the First Communion class in Grade 2.

Registration for Grade 1 will be on Sunday, September 16th in the Parish Center lobby. You will be asked to complete a registration form for your child, if you have not already done so, and to submit the \$55.00 fee, which covers the cost of the textbook and supplies. You may obtain a registration form in advance during parish office hours to expedite the process. **Classes begin on Sunday, September 30th, 2007.** We ask that your child arrives by 8:50 a.m. every Sunday, as classes begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. Classes will end at 9:55 a.m. and we request your cooperation in picking up your child in the Church on time.

At the first class, your child will receive a book, which he/she will use for class. After each class your child will receive a homework paper, which should be completed at home and brought back to the next class. You can assist us in this phase of your child's Religious Education by reviewing the lesson and homework assignment each week.

We also ask that you assist us by helping your child to learn the following prayers by heart: **The Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory to the Father.** We know that in some families you have already begun to help your child pray. If you have not started, now is the time to begin! One way of working on prayers with your child is to make it part of the preparation for bed each evening. A short period of time each night is better than long periods of time once a week. Just praying the prayers with your child each night is a way for them to learn them.

Attached is a schedule of classes for this year. If you have any questions at any time, please do not hesitate to call or speak with any one of us in person. We look forward to working with you and your child.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Marie Sullivan

Elementary Religious Education Coordinator

GRADES 1, 3-6

SEPTEMBER

7-Registration
14-Opening Class Grades 2-6
21- Class, Mass Grades 3 & 4
28-Class, Grade 1 begins

OCTOBER

5- Class
12-No Class-Columbus Day
19-Class
26-Class, Mass Grades 5&6

NOVEMBER

2-Class
9-No Class-Veteran's Day
16-Class, Mass Grades 1 & 2
23- Class
30-No Class-Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

7-Class
14-Class, Mass Grades 5&6
21-Class, Mass Grade 1 & 2
28- No Class-Christmas

JANUARY

4- Class
11-Class Mass Grades 3 & 4
18-No Class-Martin Luther King Day
25-Class

FEBRUARY

1-Class, Mass Grade 5 & 6
8-Class, Mass Grades 1 & 2
15-No Class-President's Day
22 -Class

MARCH

1-Class
8-Class
15-Class, Grade 4 Parent Meeting
21-First Penance
22-Class
29-Class

APRIL

5- Last Class,
Mass Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6

GRADE 2 First Eucharist

SEPTEMBER

7-Registration
14-Opening Class
21- Class
28-Class Parent Meeting

OCTOBER

5- Mass
12-No Class-Columbus Day
19-Class
26-Class

NOVEMBER

2-Class
9-No Class-Veteran's Day
16-Mass
23- Class
30-No Class-Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

7-Class
14-Class
21-Mass
28-No Class-Christmas

JANUARY

4-Class
11-Class
18-No Class-Martin Luther King Day
25-Class

FEBRUARY

1- Movie, Parent Meeting
8-Mass
15-No Class-President's Day
22-Class

MARCH

1- Class
8-Class
15- Class Parent Meeting
21- Parochial School Penance
22- Class
29-Class

APRIL

5- Mass
12-No Class-Easter
19- No Class April Vacation
26-Egg Coloring/Class Parts
30- Practice 3:30 PM

MAY

1-Practice 3:30 PM
2-First Communion Day
3- May Procession 9:00 Mass

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