

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

August, 2008

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are happy to have you and your child in our Religious Education program at St. John's. As parents who have chosen to have your child welcomed to the Catholic Church at Baptism, you promised to provide for his/her Religious Education and formation. We wish to support and work with you as you live out this promise. By working together, we hope to offer your child a happy and positive experience of Church and of Religious Education.

Registration for Grades Five and Six will be on Sunday, September 16th. You will be asked to complete a registration form for your child, if he/she is new to our program, and to submit the \$55.00 fee, which covers the cost of the textbook and supplies. **Classes begin on the following Sunday September 23rd at 11 a.m.** We ask that your child attend Mass regularly. **We request your cooperation in ensuring that your child arrives to class punctually, and is picked up at 11:55 a.m.**

We will be using Sadlier's Coming to Faith series in Grade Five, and the We Believe series in Grade Six. These books encourage activities that are designed to help you "study along" with your child, and they offer specific suggestions for prayers and other activities to help faith come alive at home.

In Grade Five, your child will learn how the Church remembers and continues the work of Jesus in the celebration of the sacraments. He/she will read about how we are to become signs, like Jesus, of God's love by welcoming, forgiving, healing, and serving others.

In Grade Six, your child will read about God's creation of the world, and about the suffering of God's people, Israel. He/she will also discover Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of all God's promises and the sign of God's love for all people.

Attached is a schedule of classes for this year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or to 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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