

St Rose of Lima Catholic Church

PreK – 5th grade Religious Ed Information Sheet

2011-2012

Dear Parents,

Welcome! We are delighted your family will join us for religious education this year. It will be our joy and privilege to serve your children. At St Rose, we honor your commitment, made on your children's Baptism Day, to serve as the primary faith teacher for your children. We seek to partner with you in helping your children come to know and love their God, Church, and faith. We walk with you in teaching your children how to live as Catholic Christians in our world.

Religious Education is for every baptized child not enrolled in Catholic school. If your child is not yet baptized, please contact our parish office at 301-948-7545 for information. Children should participate in Religious Education every school year. Just as they cannot skip a year of regular schooling, they should not skip a year of their faith education. Your commitment to bringing them to Religious Ed each and every week year after year is critical – they will place value in whatever you make a priority.

Below you will find registration and program information. **Note - All families new to our program register in person so we can welcome you personally.** Please contact me with questions at cshalgian@strose.com. I look forward to meeting you at registration.

Peace,

Cheryl Shalgian, Director of PreK-5 Religious Education
and your St Rose of Lima PreK-5 Ministry Team

2011-12 Registration Dates for Families NEW to our program:

Thursday, June 2, 7:30-8:30pm, St Joseph Room (Church Lower Level)
Monday, June 13, 7:30-8:30pm, Jeremiah Room (Church Lower Level)
Tuesday, August 23, 7:30-8:30pm, Duggan Room (Church Lower Level)
Saturday, August 27, 9:00-10:00am, Duggan Room (Church Lower Level)
Thursday, Sept 1, 7:30-8:30pm, Duggan Room (Church Lower Level)

In advance of registration, please download a registration form for each child from our website, www.strose.com, and bring completed form and fee with you. (Forms will be available at registration, too)

Registration session is for parents – only one parent needs to attend. Children, of course, welcome, but their presence is not required.

We look forward to meeting you! ☺

General PreK – 5th Grade Program Info:

Classes are offered on Sunday mornings, 10:00-11:00am and Tuesday evenings, 6:30-7:30pm.

Classes will begin Sunday, Sept 11 and Tuesday, Sept 20.

Our preschool classes are held on Sunday mornings only. Children must turn 3 or 4 by Sept 1 to enroll.

All curriculums and materials used are approved by the Archdiocese of Washington.

Religious Education volunteers complete the Archdiocese of Washington child protection requirements – including FBI fingerprinting.

Families do not need to be registered parishioners of St Rose to enroll in religious education. Non-members most welcome as space allows.

First Reconciliation & First Communion Preparation

Preparing for First Reconciliation & First Communion is a 2 year process. Year one provides children a foundation in the teachings of the Church so that year two, children are ready to prepare for and celebrate sacraments with understanding and meaning.

For most children, this means that sacramental preparation occurs in first and second grade. Sacraments are celebrated in grade 2.

Children in grades 2, 3, 4, and 5 who need to begin sacramental preparation will enroll in our **Foundations in Faith class** year one, held on Tuesday evenings, 6:30-7:30pm. During year two, sacraments will be celebrated.

Children enrolled in the 2 year sacramental preparation classes are granted one excused absence per semester (Sept – Dec; Jan – May). Weekly attendance is very important and expected.

Children with Special Needs

We welcome all children at St Rose. If your child has special needs, please let us know so we can partner with you to provide an excellent and appropriate religious education experience. Many children have successfully participated in our classes, sometimes with parent help. We also have a team of parishioners dedicated to serving children with more profound needs one on one outside the classroom setting.

We need you!

Parent volunteers are the backbone of our program. Without your help, classes cannot run. Please join us for a very fun hour serving the children! All volunteers receive a registration fee discount. What talents has God blessed you with? Please read volunteer job descriptions on the back of the registration form and check off the ministry best suited for you. Thanks ☺.

Questions? Cheryl Shalgian, cshalgian@strose.com See you at registration!

