

ST. PAUL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FAMILY MASS AT ST PAUL:

Family Mass is celebrated the last Sunday of each month from September to April at 11:30am (English) and 1:00pm (Spanish)

Please join us to celebrate the gift of family.

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231 SECOND ST.
CLIFTON, NJ 07011



2017-2018
FIRST COMMUNION
LEVELS 1 AND 2
EVERY SUNDAY
9:00am to 10:30am

MOTHER CABRINI CENTER
97 WASHINGTON AVE.
CLIFTON, NJ 07011

I. ADMISSION

Upon enrollment, a copy of each child's baptismal certificate must accompany the registration form. Those transferring from another Religious Education Program must include a letter from that parish indicating the years of previous instruction and Sacraments received.

Children who have not received previous instruction will be evaluated by the Coordinatore of Religious Education (CRE) to determine placement.

Issues of Custody

Parents must inform the CRE if there are any custodial issues. You need to provide a copy of any pertinent court documents.

II. REGISTRATION AND PLACEMENT

Registration and re-registration occurs in August of each year.

Forms can be found in the Church Vestibule and obtained from the Parish Office. All children are assigned to a class by the CRE. Catechists may not accept a child into class without authorization from the CRE.

If your child has any special needs such as allergies or learning disabilities, please advise the CRE of all necessary information. Regarding medical issues, no medication of any kind may be given to a child by a catechist.

If program modifications are necessary, parents should discuss these with the director. Any modification will follow diocesan guidelines.

Home Study

In special circumstances, such as medical or special education needs, parents may request to teach their own child/children. According to diocesan guidelines, a letter explaining the reasons for

- * ***Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Masses***
Monday, January 1st, 2018 at 11:00am (English) & 1:00pm (Spanish)
- * ***The Epiphany of the Lord/Three Kings***
January 6th & 7th, 2018, all Masses
- * ***The Baptism of the Lord Mass***
Monday, January 9th, 2018, 8:00am
- * ***Conversion of St. Paul Feast Day Masses***
Thursday, January 25th, 2018, 8:00am and 7:30pm
- * ***The Presentation of the Lord & Feast of St. Blaise/Blessing of the Throats***
February 3rd & 4th, 2018, all Masses
- * ***Ash Wednesday Services and Masses***
February 14th, 2018 at 8:00am, 12:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm (English) and 8:00pm (Spanish)
- * ***Palm Sunday***
March 24th & 25th 2018, all Masses
- * ***Lenten Penance Service***
Tuesday, March 27th, 2018 at 7:30pm
- * ***Holy Thursday Mass***
March 29th, 2018 at 7:30pm (Trilingual)
- * ***Good Friday Services***
March 30th, 2018, 11:00am Outdoor Living Stations of the Cross, Liturgies: 3:00pm (English), 5:30pm (Spanish) and 7:30pm Tenebrae (Trilingual)
- * ***Easter Vigil***
Saturday, March 31st, 2018 at 1:00 pm Blessing of the Food and 8:00pm Vigil Mass
- * ***Easter Sunday***
April 1st, 2018, all Masses
- * ***Confirmation Day***
Sunday, April 22nd, 2018 at 11:00am Mass (reception after Mass)
- * ***First Communion Day/May Crowning***
Sunday, May 6th, 2018 at 11:00am. Mass (reception after Mass)
- * ***The Ascension of the Lord/Mother's Day Masses***
May 12th & May 13th, 2018, All Masses
- * ***Pentecost***
May 19th & May 20th, 2018, All Masses

ST. PAUL R.C. CHURCH
2017-2018 IMPORTANT DATES

- * ***First Day of Class***
Sunday, September 17th, 2017
Feast of St. Francis and Outdoor Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 8th 2017 at 3:30pm
- * ***Parish Beefsteak Dinner***
Friday, October 20th, 2017
- * ***All Souls Day Masses***
Thursday, November 2nd, 2017 at 8:00am & 7:30pm
- * ***All Saints Day Mass***
Sunday, November 5th, 2017; Children's Saint Parade @ 11:00am Mass
- * ***Thanksgiving Day Mass***
Thursday, November 23rd, 2017 at 9:00am in the Church
- * ***Mass of Nations***
Sunday, November 26th, 2017 at 11:00am; No 1:00pm Spanish Mass
- * ***Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass***
Friday, December 8th, 2017 at 8:00am and 7:30pm
- * ***Christmas Concert***
Sunday, December 10th, 2017 at 5:30pm in the Church
- * ***Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass***
* Tuesday, December 12th, 2017 at 8:00 am
- * ***Advent Penance Service***
Monday, December 11th, 2017 at 7:30pm
- * ***Nine Day Christmas Novena/Simbang Gabi***
December 15th, 2017 to December 23, 2017 in Church
- * ***Christmas Eve Masses***
Sunday December 24th, 2017 at 5:30pm (English), 7:30pm (Spanish) and 10:30pm (English)
- * ***Christmas Day Masses***
Monday, December 25th, 2017 at 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am (English) and 1:00pm (Spanish)
- * ***Feast of the Holy Family Masses***
December 30th & December 31st, 2017 at all Masses
- * ***Parish New Year's Eve Events***
Sunday, December 31st, 2017, 5:30pm Mass in the Church;
New Year's Eve party at 7:30pm

the request should accompany the registration form. Parents will attend meetings during the year.

III. REGISTRATION FEES

These fees are used for the books, supplies, speakers, and office needs of the Program. Special Sacramental fees may be required in Levels 2 and Sacramental classes. Families experiencing financial hardship can contact the CRE concerning necessary modifications.

IV. SCHEDULE OF CLASSES AND ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL POLICIES

First Communion Class for Levels 1 and 2 meet every Sunday from 9:00am to 10:30am at the Mother Cabrini Center (MCC), 97 Washington Avenue, followed by 11:00am Mass in St. Paul R.C. Church. Upon arrival to class, the parent must sign in his/her child/children at the MCC.

If someone other than a parent/guardian is picking up their child/children, a written authorization must be given to the catechist and the CRE. No student is permitted to leave the building early without a parent. A written note should be given to the catechist and CRE in advance and the parent must sign the student out at the MCC.



V. ATTENDANCE

Consistent attendance at class demonstrates to your child the importance of learning about God and developing a Christian way of living. Therefore, all students are expected to attend scheduled classes unless prevented by illness.

A copy of the calendar will be provided at the Parent/Student Orientation Meeting and it is also available at www.stpaulcnj.org

Please call the Office if your child will be absent. It will be the responsibility of the student and the parent/guardian to make up the work missed. More than three (3) absences during the school year are considered serious. Excessive absences may prevent a student from advancing to the next grade. Please ensure that your child arrives on time. Every three (3) late arrivals will equal one absence.

Sunday Mass attendance is not only a precept of the Catholic Church, it is also a loving response to Jesus' request at the Last Supper. Attend weekly Mass (Saturday Evening or Sunday) with your child at St. Paul R.C. Church. Students must have Mass Attendance Sheets signed by a teacher, priest or deacon after each Mass.

Cancellation of Classes

Families will be notified of any cancellations by E-mail and/or phone call.

VI. STUDENT CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITY

As a Catholic community we foster Christian principles of respect and courtesy toward all adults and children. It is expected that all students will obey all program procedures and the rules set forth by their catechist. Parents will be notified of any inappropriate language or behavior. Persistent problems will be addressed at a meeting of parent, child, and CRE.

For their own safety, students will follow arrival and dismissal procedures

All students are required to bring their textbook and a pen/pencil to class each week. Assignments should be neatly done and handed in on time. If a book is lost, a new one must be purchased.

Due to the alarming number of food allergies, students may not bring food or drink to class. This includes eating candy or chewing gum.

Dress Code

Appropriate clothing for the season and place of instruction (school or Church building) should be worn. For safety reasons, students should not wear flip-flops or sneakers with wheels in them.

Electronic Devices

Electronic devices such as tablets should not be brought to class. Cell phones may be brought to class, but must be turned off when class is in session.

VII. SACRAMENTS

First Penance and First Holy Communion

The sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion is a two (2) year process for children who **are Baptized** in the Catholic Church and who are in the 1st and 2nd grade. The first year consists of faith formation and the second year consists of immediate catechetical preparation for the Rite of Reconciliation and First Communion.

If your child is transferring from another program and has completed at least one (1) year of catechesis, please provide a letter of proof upon registration.