

Elementary Religious Education
Handbook
2011 – 2012



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Religious Education Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 9AM – 3PM

Religious Education Attendance:

Attendance is extremely important for your child. Please contact the Religious Education office or contact the catechist if you know in advance that your child will be absent from class.

Class Cancellation Policy:

The Religious Education Center will follow the policy of FCPS. No classes will be held in the evenings on a day that school has been canceled or dismissed early due to the weather. In the event of inclement weather on the weekend, please use your own judgment. Notice of cancellations will be emailed, posted on parish web-site or Facebook page, and WFRE. You can also contact the Religious Education office @ 301-898-5111 ext. 17 for a recorded message.

Curriculum:

St Peter's uses Pflaum Gospel Weeklies as a basic resource. Pflaum is a Lectionary-based or Gospel-centered approach to the faith formation. Pflaum Gospel Weeklies "centers catechesis on the mystery of Jesus Christ incarnate Word & saving Redeemer, who reveals God, sends the Holy Spirit, and gathers the 'Church'." The program also follows "Resounding the Good News", a curriculum devised by the Archdiocese of Baltimore. St Peter's also incorporates the Benziger Family Life Program into our weekly program.

Curriculum for Special Needs:

Please contact the office for the curriculum for those with special needs.

Policies:

Arrival & Dismissal:

Class sessions are from 10:15 – 11:15 on Sunday mornings. Please be prompt as there is only 1 hour of class. Children must be picked up and dropped off by an adult and NOT siblings.

Behavior:

St. Peter's program encourages respect to all individuals. Every child has the right to a safe and spiritual environment. Disruptive behavior of any kind will NOT be tolerated from any child or adult. If an incident is serious enough, the coordinator, along with the pastor, reserves the right to remove the student from the program.

Dress Code:

Children should dress modestly. No sport shoes with "cleats" are to be worn in the building. No shoes with roller wheels are to be worn.

Expectations:

Parents:

- Participation in weekend mass through the entire year.
- Ensure that their children attend class regularly and on time.
- Communicate any special needs or circumstances that may affect their child within the classroom to the catechist.
- Be an active part of their children's learning and engaging in discussion about class.
- Attend parent-child events in the parish.
- Pray as a family.

Students:

- Be cooperative and respectful of adults and other students.
- Actively participate in classroom activities and discussions.
- Attend class regularly.
- Follow the rules posted in each classroom.
- No cell phone usage during class.

Catechists:

- Provide a loving, safe learning environment so all children will be able to grow spiritually.
- Prepare and teach the designated curriculum.
- Be a role model and attend Mass weekly.
- Be present at least 15 minutes before the start of your class.
- Attend in-service meetings held throughout the year.
- Communicate regularly with and involve the parents.
- Report to the coordinator immediately any incident or activity that is questionable.

Catechists for 2011 – 2012:

<i>Seeds</i>	Patty Rosenberg, Melissa Wernick & Barb White
<i>Promise</i>	Meghan Bittner & Julie Krzysiak
<i>Promise</i>	Christine Plugge & Susan Roach
<i>Promise</i>	Ann White & Doreen Hamm
<i>Good News</i>	Christine Schiller & Tracey Orzechowski
<i>Good News</i>	Kelly McGuire & Theresa Weedon
<i>Good News</i>	Megan Clester & Julie Clester
<i>Good News</i>	Terri Horrigan & Christine Gaudlip
<i>Venture</i>	Bud Rice & Debbie Rice
<i>Venture</i>	Lauren Oddo & Bernadette Miller
<i>Venture</i>	David Wilks & Sandra Wilks
<i>Assistants</i>	Joan Grass, Missy Miller & Dave Mason

Religious Education Calendar 2011 – 2012

Religious Education Activity

	Time	Date
Rel Ed Catechist Mtg (PC Hall)	7:00 PM	September 19, 2011
SacPrep Orientation (All PC) - Parent & Child	7:00 PM	September 27, 2011
Rel Ed (All PC, BR, POBLL)	10:15 AM	October 2, 2011
Home Program (SH) - Welcome Orientation	10:15 AM	October 9, 2011
Rel Ed (All PC, BR, POBLL)	10:15 AM	October 9, 2011
Reconciliation Prep (All PC) - Parent & Child	7:00 PM	October 11, 2011
Rel Ed (All PC, BR, POBLL)	10:15 AM	October 16, 2011
Reconciliation Prep (PC)	7:00 PM	October 18, 2011
Rel Ed (All PC, BR, POBLL)	10:15 AM	October 23, 2011
NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	World Youth Day	October 30, 2011
Religious Education (All PC, BR, POBLL)	10:15 AM	November 6, 2011
Religious Education (All PC, BR, POBLL)	10:15 AM	November 13, 2011
Reconciliation Service (Church) - Family	7:00 PM	November 15, 2011
Religious Education (All PC, BR, POBLL)	10:15 AM	November 20, 2011
NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Thanksgiving	November 27, 2011
Religious Education (All PC, BR, POBLL)	10:15 AM	December 4, 2011
Religious Education (All PC, BR, POBLL)	10:15 AM	December 11, 2011
Religious Education (All PC, BR, POBLL)	10:15 AM	December 18, 2011
NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Christmas	December 25, 2011
NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	New Years Day	January 1, 2012
Religious Education (All PC, BR, POBLL)	10:15 AM	January 8, 2012
NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	MLK Day	January 15, 2012
Religious Education (All PC, BR, POBLL)	10:15 AM	January 22, 2012
Religious Education (All PC, BR, POBLL)	10:15 AM	January 29, 2012
Religious Education (All PC, BR, POBLL)	10:15 AM	February 5, 2012
Religious Education (All PC, BR, POBLL)	10:15 AM	February 12, 2012
NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	President's Weekend	February 19, 2012
Religious Education (All PC, BR, POBLL)	10:15 AM	February 26, 2012
First Communion Prep (All PC) - Parent & Child	7:00 PM	February 28, 2012
First Communion Workshop (Church & All PC) - Parent & Child	9:00 AM	March 3, 2012
Religious Education (All PC, BR, POBLL)	10:15 AM	March 4, 2012
Eucharist Prep (PC) - Parent & Child	7:00 PM	March 6, 2012
Religious Education (All PC, BR, POBLL)	10:15 AM	March 11, 2012
Religious Education (All PC, BR, POBLL)	10:15 AM	March 18, 2012
Religious Education (All PC, BR, POBLL)	10:15 AM	March 25, 2012
Religious Education (All PC, BR, POBLL)	10:15 AM	April 1, 2012
NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Easter	April 8, 2012
Religious Education (All PC, BR, POBLL)	10:15 AM	April 15, 2012
Religious Education (All PC, BR, POBLL)	10:15 AM	April 22, 2012
Religious Education (All PC, BR, POBLL)	10:15 AM	April 29, 2011
First Communion Practice (Church)	7:00 PM	May 4, 2012
First Communion (Church)	10:00 AM	May 5, 2012
First Communion Practice (Church)	7:00 PM	May 11, 2012
First Communion (Church)	10:00 AM	May 12, 2012

Faith Formation Options for Children

Cost is \$70 (1 Child) / \$95 (2 Children) / \$110 (3 or more Children)

<i>Pre-K through Grade 5</i> Class time is 10:15 – 11:15AM on Sunday mornings
Seeds (Pre-K)
Promise (Kindergarten & Grade 1)
Good News (Grades 2 & 3)
Venture (Grades 4 & 5)
Home Program (Offered only in Grades 1-5)
Sacramental Preparation

Must have completed 1 full year of Religious Education prior to beginning the preparation process!

<i>Reconciliation / First Communion Preparation</i>
Resource Fee is \$50
Grade 2