



Church of Saint Anthony

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CHANGES TO OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2020/21*

IN-PERSON and AT-HOME LEARNING OPTIONS *This year we will offer two options for the religious education of our parish children.*

1. In-Person Option: Students will meet for class on Sundays from 8:30 to 9:50 a.m. Parents are asked to drop off and pick up their children on Truman Avenue. We are hoping by January 2021, we will be able to bring the children to the 10:00 mass as a group. For now, we are asking families to attend the 10:00 mass and sit together. If, at any time, we are required to close St. Anthony School, our religious education program will automatically switch to at-home learning for as long as necessary. Masks must be worn by both students and teachers until further notice.
2. At-Home Option: Students will be given their grade level book and syllabus for September through January. All At-Home students and one parent representative will be required to attend a Zoom once a month with Mrs. De Laurentis, Father Dan, or another catechist. It is expected that if this is the option chosen, a parent or other designated adult family member will act as catechist and deliver weekly lessons to the student. Using the book and syllabus as a guide, students are expected to keep up with the course material. More information on how we will collect assignments and evaluate students will be given out at our first Zoom meeting (October)

PLEASE NOTE:

- Tuition for both the In-Person and At-Home options is the same.
- If you select the At-Home option, we will not be able to allow you back into physical classes until January 2021. However, any family that is not comfortable with the In-Person option, will be permitted to switch to At-Home learning after an evaluation of the student's attendance.
- Both in-Person and At-Home learners will receive the same report card.
- Although not required, it is strongly suggested that children who are to make any of the sacraments: First Penance, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation during the 2020/21 year attend In-Person classes.

- Both In-Person and At-Home learners are required to attend two family catechesis sessions for the 2020/21 school year, whether given in person or remotely.

CLASSROOM AND BUILDING CLEANING

All of the classrooms, workspaces, and common areas of our school building will be fully sanitized before and after classes according to CDC, state, and Archdiocesan guidelines.

MORNING PROCEDURES

Entering the building:

The Truman Avenue doors will be open at 8:15 for teachers and assistants and 8:20 for students. Upon entering the school, everyone will receive a temperature check. Students will be escorted in the building and to the correct classroom by Mrs. De Laurentis and the teacher assistants. No parent will be allowed in the school building. If a student is having a difficult time entering the building, we ask that they wait outside with their parent until they are ready to come in.

Exiting the building:

Students will be dismissed three classes at a time. Each class will be given a designated spot to stand with their teacher. Grades 1-3 will be dismissed first followed by grades 4-7. All students are encouraged to attend 10:00 mass with their families. *In order for a student to be dismissed to a family member younger than 16 years of age or to walk home, a notarized letter signed by the student's parent must be on file prior to the start of classes.*

SNACKS/DRINKS

Students are not permitted to have snacks of any kind in the classroom. In the case of a student who must eat something due to a medical necessity, they will eat on the bench outside the religious education office and be sent back to class.

Students are not permitted to use the school's water fountains. They will be allowed to bring their own water bottle to class.

SUPPLIES

Students must bring their own supplies to class. Students ARE NOT permitted to share supplies for any reason. If a teacher hands out a pencil or box of crayons to a student, it becomes theirs. Teachers are asked to do this only if absolutely necessary.

Suggested Supply List Grades 1-3:

Folder (required)

Pencil Case

Box of Crayons

Several sharpened pencils (we will not be able to use the classroom sharpeners)

Suggested Supply List Grades 4-8:

Folder (required)

Pencil case

Sharpened pencils or pens

Notebook or loose-leaf paper that can be kept in their folder

Now, more than ever, it is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT that the students do not touch anything inside the desks where they are sitting. Students should know that if they need something to ask the teacher or teacher assistant.

Safety/Behavior

For the health and safety of all our teachers, staff, and students, it is expected that children who attend religious education classes on Sundays are able to behave themselves in a way that doesn't not put anyone else at risk. Students who have difficulty following the classroom rules will be referred to Mrs. De Laurentis who will call a parent to pick up the child.

We ask that every child who attends religious education classes on Sunday comes ready to learn (having had breakfast, gone to the bathroom, a good night's sleep, etc)

*All of the above guidelines and procedures will be reevaluated before beginning the second half of the year in January 2021.