

# SAINT MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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August 17, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

Religious education is important for all of us. Your child will look to you for their development and cooperation and they will look to the Parish for organized instruction and a deeper sharing of our Catholic Faith. All of us must do what we can to see that our sharing and caring the love of God has for each of us is the message which we give to the children.

The religious education staff is composed of people who take time from both their family and their own pursuits to assist in the handing down of our faith. We would ask of you, the parents and guardians, to support us in your family prayers and participate in the liturgical and special events of the Parish.

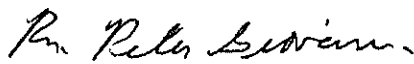
To assist us further in teaching your child, we are using the religious education resources found on the Augustine Institute [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) website. Additional resources will be provided in the classroom. The Archdiocese of Washington curriculum for Faith Formation of Children, grades K – 8 will also be part of the classroom Instruction.

Family and students should report to the school gym for prayer and announcements. We request that all students use their own face covering to prevent the spread of virus. Attendance is important to your child's learning experience. Students must not be absent for more than 5 weeks during the year. We strive to maintain classroom settings that are instructive as well as comfortable for all students. The first class is Sunday September 12, 2021 from 9:15 – 10:15am.

When inclement weather is forecast for the weekend, please go online to the St. Mary's County Public Schools' website. When the notice is given that weekend activities are cancelled, the Sunday Religious Education classes will be cancelled.

Enclosed with the letter is a registration form to be completed for each child and returned at the beginning of class on September 12, 2021, along with the payment of \$30 for each child. The schedule of classes for the year 2021 – 2022 and our Religious Education Behavior Policy and a list of additional online resources are also included.

Sincerely in Christ,

  
Rev Peter Giovanoni  
Pastor

  
Deacon James Dominic  
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