



**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church  
61 Main Street  
Flanders, NJ 07836**



**Religious Education Program  
2020-2021 Schedule & Information Booklet**

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## **PARENT MEETINGS**

Please mark these dates on your calendar now. Your attendance at **ALL** meetings pertaining to your child is required.

**Wednesday, September 30, 2020 Touching Safety Parent Meeting Gr. 1 & 4 Only– 7:00pm at Church.**

## **RECONCILIATION & COMMUNION PREPARATION GRADE 2**

**Wednesday, October 14, 2020 – 7:00pm – Reconciliation Parent Meeting.**

**Wednesday, January 13, 2021- 7:00 pm –Communion Parent Meeting- (Church)(SNOW DATE – JANUARY 20,2020 – 7:00PM)**

**Saturday, March 6, 2021 - 9:30am – 12:00pm –Communion Workshop.**

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## **TEACHER WORKSHOP MEETING**

**Wednesday, September 2 – 7:00pm – Teacher – In- Service via Zoom**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish  
Religious Education  
61 Main Street  
Flanders, NJ 07836  
973-927-7077  
973-927-0093 Fax



*called to give witness....*

Dear Children:

I'm happy to welcome you to another year of Religious Education (CCD). Your desire to learn about God is very important and we at St. Elizabeth's parish want to make this year's experience one that will help you to learn much about God and become closer to him.

As your pastor it is my responsibility to teach, but since there are so many of you, I share my responsibility with many men and women that are interested in sharing their faith with you. I ask that you listen closely to them and be open to what they have to say. You will learn much about our church and God. I want you to know how much I value your time in learning about God.

Grow in faith and knowledge of God and you will be happy for the rest of your life.

Peace always,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Stan".

Fr. Stan

**CLASS TIMES      SUNDAY      Gr. 1-8 – (9:00–10:00), (10:15–11:15)**  
**MONDAY      Gr. K-8 (4:30 – 5:30)**

**(A class day and time may be cancelled if not enough enrollment in that class. There must be at least 5 students.)**

**PLEASE BE PROMPT IN DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP YOUR CHILD**

**All children tend to feel upset and forgotten if their ride is not on time. If you cannot be on time, please make alternative arrangements for your child to be picked up. The teachers cannot stay after class to wait for late parents. Coordinator will be with the child(ren) , in the office, until parent picks up the child(ren) . Children should arrive no earlier than 10 minutes before class time and be picked up no later than 5 minutes after. Drop off should be by the side walk near the classrooms. Dismissal is from the Front of the Trailers.**

## **CLOSINGS**

In case of extreme bad weather, classes may be cancelled. If the Mt. Olive Township schools are closed for the day or call an early dismissal, we MAY have classes that day. If classes must be canceled later in the school day due to inclement weather or for any other reason, it will be posted to FLOCKNOTE and you will receive a phone call from your child's teacher. If classes are cancelled on a Sunday, this WILL NOT affect Monday classes. If your children do not attend Mt. Olive Township schools, or you are in doubt if classes will be held, please contact the Religious Education office at (973) 927-7077. A MESSAGE WILL ALSO BE ON THE PHONE IF CANCELLED.

## **DISCIPLINE**

The ultimate responsibility for maintaining discipline rests with the parent in teaching a child to respect the teacher and others, and church property. However, there will be a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY as mandated by the Diocese of Paterson for the following:

1. Extremely disrespectful or violent and abusive behavior of any kind, this includes hitting and pushing.
2. Bullying, harassment and use of foul language.
3. Possession of or substance abuse of any kind on church property, including but not limited to drugs, inhalants, alcohol and tobacco.
4. Possession of any object which may be construed as a weapon of any kind or use of said object on church property.

For ANY of these violations, parents will be called IMMEDIATELY to remove their child and the appropriate authorities will be notified.

We deal with all other discipline problems in the following manner:

1. The teacher will speak with the child and explain that an attitude of respect for the teacher and others and for church property is expected.
2. The teacher will notify the parent of a continual behavior problem and seek support from home. The child will be sent to the office if the behavior is a constant disruption in the classroom and the parent will be notified after the first such instance.
3. If the problem continues, the child and the parent will be referred to the Pastor's office for further review and action. If there is no cooperation, the child will be asked to leave the program, and the parent will be required to teach the child at home.



## **REGISTRATIONS**

**Receiving this booklet indicates that your child(ren) are registered for Religious Education classes this year. (IF NOT REGISTERED, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 973-927-7077). ALL MUST BE REGISTERED BEFORE ATTENDING ANY CLASS.**

## **BOOKS**

**We are using the “We Believe” series for Grades K-6 Catholic Identity and Sadlier’s “We Live our Faith” Catholic Identity series for Grades 7-8.**

**The tuition fee includes textbooks and folders for each child, plus school supplies needed by the teacher to conduct the class (eg: pencils, paper, construction paper, glue, crayons, scissors, Audio/Visual material, etc.)**

**The New American Bible is provided for all students in grades 6, to be used from grade 6-8.**

**Lost text books must be replaced at the cost of \$20.00 per text. Please contact the Religious Education office at 973-927-7077 as soon as possible if your child needs a new book.**

## **ATTENDANCE**

**The yearly class schedule is 16 weeks in class and 16 @ home activities and students are expected to attend ALL classes and activities. Parents should help their child with any work that might be missed during an absence. Please expect a phone call from your child’s teacher or a Religious Education Coordinator if your child misses 2 or more consecutive classes. No more than 5 classes may be missed. No transfers to another class will be allowed after SEPTEMBER 30, 2020. An end of the Year Test is required to move on to the next grade.**

## **ILLNESS**

**Please do not send sick children to class. The office will notify a parent if a child becomes ill during class time. Parents are expected to make immediate arrangements for transportation home. Please have a current phone number and e-mail on file! Please pick up students at the office.**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Homework is a way to reinforce classroom material, and is therefore expected to be assigned and completed weekly. Home activity pages are incorporated in the text books for grades 1-8. Please work with your child to complete the assigned pages. Supplemental material may also be assigned as homework. This material has been approved and distributed through the Paterson Diocesan Office.**

**All students are asked to bring these items to class every week: Weekly folder, textbook, homework papers, and Bible (Gr. 6-8). Parents will be notified if a student continually shows up unprepared for class.**

**Students are not allowed in the classrooms until admitted by the teachers. Students are expected to behave in an orderly and polite manner while waiting for classes to begin. Parents will be notified if a student displays any disrespect for teachers, church property, or another student while waiting.**

**Please note: Hand-held electronic devices, including but not limited to: cell phones, iPads, ETC, will not be allowed in the classrooms – please leave them at home! Please NO FOOD OR DRINKS. NO PARTIES.**

**Parents are expected to support the goals of the Religious Education Program and help their children prepare for class weekly. Parents are reminded that they are the first catechists of their children and MUST SET AN EXAMPLE BY ATTENDING MASS REGULARLY WITH THEIR CHILDREN.**

**WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF ADULT VOLUNTEERS TO TEACH, BE AN AIDE, OR TO SUBSTITUTE IN A CLASS. If you volunteer, you must complete a background check and attend a VIRTUS meeting. PLEASE BE GENEROUS WITH YOUR TIME, IF POSSIBLE. CALL THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE TO VOLUNTEER TO SERVE.**

**ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 3-8 WILL BE PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE DURING THE ADVENT AND LENTEN SEASONS. WE ASK THAT PARENTS ENCOURAGE THEIR CHILDREN TO PREPARE AND RECEIVE THIS SACRAMENT WITH THEIR FAMILIES.**

## **SACRAMENTS**

A student is required, by diocesan guidelines, to receive 2 full years of formal religious education instruction in preparation for a sacrament. This includes the sacramental year and the year immediately prior to it.

Students transferring from other parishes must provide written proof of attendance in another Religious Education program in order to qualify for the reception of a sacrament. Parishioners from St. Elizabeth are expected to receive the sacraments in their own parish.

Parents are requested to become **ACTIVELY** involved in the programs established for the reception of a sacrament. Attendance at all parent meetings is required.

## **FIRST PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)**

First Penance will be received prior to First Communion, usually in the second grade, as outlined by the Bishop's office. The date for First Penance this year is Saturday January 16, 2021. Students will be sent home additional information during the year.

## **FIRST COMMUNION**

First Communion is normally received in the second grade. If your child has not yet received this sacrament, please contact the Religious Education Office. First Communion is scheduled for April 24, 2021 at 10:30AM & 12:30PM. Rehearsals are scheduled for April 21, 2020 at 6:00pm & 7:30pm.

## **CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation preparation is a two-year program for Grades 9-10. All students entering the Confirmation Program are required to have continual attendance in Grades 1-8. Any questions concerning grades 9 and 10 should be directed to Shannon Jones at (201) 407-6995.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ROOM LOCATIONS**

**Please note entrance and exit procedures. All rooms are accessible from the rear deck. Rooms 2, 3, 6 and 7 are also accessible from the front.**

