

† ST. JAMES PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

119 W. Chestnut Street, Washington, PA 15301

Hello and welcome to St. James Parish religious education for the 20-21 year!

Our program will officially begin October 4th, 2020. In-person classes will take place at St. Hilary School and will be 9:10 to 10:15am on Sundays. This time was chosen in the spring by the religious education advisory council, made up of catechists and parents hoping to accommodate the majority of our parishioners.

Moving on, there are a couple of caveats to this start date. Per diocesan guidelines, we cannot have more than 16 students in the classrooms per week (6ft of separation between each student). If your child's class is larger than 16 students, they will be split into groups.

Groups will alternate between physical classes and online work each week via Sophia Institute. The online portion of religious education will be monitored by the grade's catechist, and students will be expected to keep up with their assignments. Group assignments and calendars will be sent out October 1st.

If you have chosen for your child to attend religious education entirely online, the catechist for your child's grade will still be monitoring their progress and the completion of assignments. I suggest that your child completes the online assignments on a regular basis, instead of cramming at the end of the year. There is still plenty of time to choose between in-person attendance and online attendance. If you have already registered and want to utilize our entirely online option, please email me at stjparishreligious@gmail.com with your child's name and grade. If you have contacted me about this option I have you on my list.

Thank you for your continued patience.

Yours in Christ,

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Catechetical Administrator

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