

Children of Mary

St. Joseph Church
Rockville, CT



FAQ's

Q: Why should my child join the Children of Mary?

The Children of Mary provides a simple and beautiful opportunity for our children to consecrate themselves in a special way to Our Blessed Mother! And Mother Mary, as we know, intercedes for us, and leads us directly to her Son, Our Lord Jesus!

Q: We are busy, and go to different Masses. If my child signs up for this, what will he/she be expected to do, exactly?

As of right now, these children will need to attend and participate in the procession during the 9:30 AM Mass of the 1st Sunday of each month during the school year (October - June). Current members will wear their mantillas (girls) or sashes (boys) and process in as a group, sitting in the front pews during the Mass. They will then process out after the altar servers and be directed downstairs to the church hall where you can meet them. (Since that's where the coffee and donuts are on 1st Sundays!)

Q: Are there any other events in which the Children of Mary participate?

Yes! In addition to First Sunday Mass, the Children of Mary participate in the beautiful Forty Hours Devotion (in November), Holy Thursday procession (Mar/Apr), the May Crowning (1st Sunday in May), and Corpus Christi procession (usually in June). We would also love to meet monthly at the church for a group activity (prayer, craft, etc..)

Q: How old does my child have to be to become a member of the Children of Mary?

To become an official member, you must be a child between the ages of 7 and 18, who has received his/her First Holy Communion. There will be a special induction Mass in the Fall for new members, where they will receive their mantilla/sash and miraculous medal necklace.

Q: I have young children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion. Is there any way they can participate?

Yes! These precious children may join in the procession on the 1st Sunday of each month. It would be best for you (one or both parents) to walk and sit with them up front. These children may follow the lead of the older Children of Mary members, and will learn even more about the Mass by sitting up front where they can easily see what is happening on the altar!

These very young children may also participate in the May Crowning (carrying a flower to Mary after Communion) and Corpus Christi procession (dropping petals on the way to each of the four altars).

“Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Matthew 19:14