

St. Philip the Apostle

Parish Religious Education Program
2020-2021 Parent/Student Handbook

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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The education of children and young people is such an important task in forming them as free and responsible human beings. It affirms their dignity as an inalienable gift that flows from our original creation as children made in the image and likeness of God. And because education truly forms human beings, it is especially the duty and responsibility of the Church, who is called to serve mankind from the heart of God and in such a way that no other institution can.

- Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio
(Pope Francis)

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Parish Mission Statement:

We, the parish community of St. Philip the Apostle Church, are people committed to serve and to bring the message of Christ to all, while striving to live our own lives in accordance with His example and teachings as articulated by the Catholic Church's Magisterium.

Parish Religious Education Program Goal:

The goal of St. Philip the Apostle's Parish Religious Education Program is to act in partnership with parents in providing each student with an awareness of a living, conscious and active Catholic faith as he or she continues to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ. This is accomplished through enriching, stimulating, informative and enjoyable catechetical experiences that help to foster, develop, and deepen the student's faith.

WELCOME to our Parish Religious Education Program 2020-2021

Dear Parents:

Welcome to PREP year 2020-2021!

As we continue to make our way through the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, we all know that this year's Parish Religious Education Program will be a little different than previous years. St. Philip the Apostle Parish is here to support you in your role as the primary educator of your children especially in their faith journey. We ask for your cooperation, especially during this time to follow the guidelines to keep your children and our adult volunteers safe.

It is your example and the holy home you create that lead your children to holiness and a continued closeness to God and our Catholic faith and beliefs. You can lift your children up during this time of some uncertainty by your example of prayer and practicing your Catholic faith.

The role of the Church is to assist you in your responsibility as the primary educators of your children. We are happy to provide this assistance through our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). As we continue to grow and develop as a parish, our faith formation programs will also grow and develop.

Faith is a lifelong endeavor. We are all called to continuing conversion. In that spirit, we once again encourage you to be very active in your children's faith formation – e.g., praying with and for them, taking them to Sunday Mass, helping them prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation, and being active yourselves in one or more parish ministries and/or organizations.

Together, graced and guided by Jesus Christ, and with the intercession of Our Blessed Mother and St. Philip the Apostle, we can continue to progress, as a parish family, in doing everything possible to better know, love and serve God in this world and so one day attain everlasting peace and joy with Him in heaven.

God's Blessings,

Fr. Bernie

+Fr. Bernard J. Weldishofer
Pastor

Mary

Mary Orite-Shea
Coordinator of Religious Education

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Please be sure to read the bulletin throughout the year for any changes.

SUNDAY

Grades 6-12 10-10:55am
Kindergarten 10 – 10:55 am

2020

September 13, 20, 27
October 4, 11, 18, 25
November 1, 8, 15, 22
December 6, 13

2021

January 3, 10, 24, 31
February 7, 21, 28
March 7, 14, 21, 28
April 11, 18, 25
May 2, 9, 16

NO CLASSES ON THESE SUNDAYS:

Nov. 29 (Thanksgiving)
Dec. 20, 27 (Christmas)
Jan. 17 (MLK Jr. Weekend)
Feb. 14 (President's Day)
April 4 (Easter)

MONDAY

Grades 1-5 6:30 – 8:00 pm

2020

September 14, 21, 28
October 5, 12, 19, 26
November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
December 7, 14

2021

January 4, 11, 25
February 1, 8, 22
March 1, 8, 15, 22
April 12, 19, 26
May 3, 10, 17

NO CLASSES ON THESE MONDAYS:

Dec. 21, 28 (Christmas)
Jan. 18 (MLK Jr. Day)
Feb. 15 (President's Day)
March 29 (Holy Week)
April 5 (Easter Monday)

MASSES & SACRAMENTS

CHILDREN'S MASS

There is a children's Mass on Monday evenings of four months during this school year. These Masses are hosted by a different grade level each month. All Masses begin at 7:00 p.m., the children meet in their classrooms at 6:30 p.m. Parents are invited to attend these Masses; however, the students will be seated with their classes.



- September – no PREP Mass in September
- October 19, 2020 – Inscription Mass for First Communicants and their parents
- November 16, 2020 – PREP Mass hosted by grade 5
- December – no PREP Mass in December
- January – no PREP Mass in January
- February 22, 2021 – PREP Mass hosted by grade 4
- March 8, 2021 – PREP Mass hosted by grade 3
- April – no PREP Mass in April
- May – no PREP Mass in May

Sacraments:

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist

Children are prepared for reception of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist during second grade. The children start their preparation for the sacraments in the first grade; therefore, we ask that children attending public school start PREP in their first grade year.

Out of respect for the parents' role and responsibility to teach their children the ways of faith, preparation for these Sacraments will include a homestudy component, as well as some family learning events. Second graders enrolled in PREP will receive supplemental instruction during classes, but primary instruction will come from the parents. An information meeting for the parents of those preparing for these Sacraments will be held on **Monday, October 5, 2020**. The children making their First Communion this school year also need to attend this meeting. Children who are homeschooled in a formal homeschool faith program or enrolled in Catholic schools need NOT

be enrolled in PREP to be prepared for the reception of Reconciliation and Eucharist; however, they are required to attend certain Monday evening sessions with the PREP students as part of their preparation. Parents and the children who are homeschooled or in Catholic schools need to attend the **Monday, October 5, 2020 meeting**.

If your child was not baptized at St. Philip the Apostle, we will need a copy of his or her baptismal certificate from the parish where he or she was baptized by November 23, 2020. Please give this copy to the Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE), or place it in the CRE's (Mary Orite-Shea) mailbox drawer in the undercroft. Students who are not baptized, need to do so before beginning sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Reconciliation

Students in grades 3-5 will have an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least one time during the PREP year. They are always welcome and

Sacraments (Cont.):

encouraged to partake of the Sacrament during normal confession times (Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and Thursdays before First Fridays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.). Parish Reconciliation services are also scheduled during Advent and Lent. Children in grades 6 thru 12 should also take advantage of these times to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Timing of Sacraments

Every family has a unique journey in faith. Many children do not receive the Sacraments at "typical" times. If your child did not receive the Sacraments at the typical time, or if you have questions about your child's readiness to receive the Sacraments, the timing of Sacraments, or age-appropriate preparation, please contact Mary at the PREP office at (513) 899-3601 Ext. 207.

NOTE: It is the canonical right and obligation of pastors to administer Sacraments to their parishioners. The immediate preparation and celebration of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation is required to be in the parish to which the student's family belongs; that is where the students family is registered. All youth of the parish, regardless of the school attended, will be prepared in the same way.

For the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation, if a child attends public school, they must attend first grade Parish Religious Education (PREP) in order to receive the Sacraments in the second grade. As well as attending PREP classes and special Jesus Evenings in the second grade. A child must be baptized before beginning preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. If your child is not baptized, please contact the parish office at 513-899-3601 or talk with Mary, the CRE.



Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation is administered on alternating years to youth in grades 7 and 8. In addition to special preparation of students for Confirmation, students must also be receiving religious education in a Catholic School, formal homeschool program or St. Philip's Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) while in grades 6, 7, and 8. Two year summer religious education programs at other parishes do not fulfill this requirement for St. Philip the Apostle Church. In following the guidelines of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, if children attend public school, children must attend PREP the years before Confirmation and the Confirmation year or be in a Catholic school year round or in a formal home school faith program year round.

This school year 2020-2021, Confirmation will take place at St. Philip the Apostle Church. Confirmation will take place the evening of April 28, 2021. The first Confirmation parent meeting will be held on Sunday, September 27, 2020. Because of space this meeting is for parents only, children do not need to attend. There will be an additional parent meeting date added later. Parents must attend one of the Confirmation parent meetings to get their child registered for Confirmation.

PARISH PROGRAM POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Registration

At least one parent/guardian of a child to be enrolled in the PREP program must be a registered and practicing member of our parish. The outward sign of participation in the parish life is the use of the offertory envelope every Sunday at Mass, and taking an active role in sharing your time and talents with others in our Catholic community. Any exceptions to this rule must be discussed with the Coordinator of Religious Education.

St. Philip the Apostle Parish Religious Education Program does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender or handicapping conditions.

Documents

Every child enrolling in classes must have a family registration form on file. Additionally, those preparing for Sacraments must provide a copy of his or her baptismal certificate and record of other Sacraments.

Also, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Permission, Release and Medical Power of Attorney form must be on file for each child enrolled in PREP. This form must be completed each year. Special events may require an additional form.

In situations where a child does not live with both parents, the Coordinator of Religious Education needs to be informed in writing by the custodial parent of the rights of the non-custodial parent.

Annual Fees

(1) Child	\$60.00
(2) Children	\$110.00
(3+) Children	\$140.00

No family will be excluded from participating in PREP due to financial hardship. However,

bills will be sent during the year requesting those who are not able to pay to return a form. Please contact the Coordinator of Religious Education to discuss payment options or scholarship needs.

Conduct

We will make every effort to help children learn to participate in classroom activities without disruptive behavior. Each class will review behavior expectations and consequences that are appropriate for the grade level. Parents can reinforce this learning by reviewing appropriate behavior for class sessions, prayer services, and Mass.

If a child is unable to participate without disrupting the learning of others, the catechist will notify the CRE. Parents will be contacted to discuss possible solutions. At no time will a child be disciplined corporally or corrected with abusive language.

Students are expected to:

- Behave in a Christian manner at all times
- Show respect and cooperate with the catechists, assistants, and other students.
- Actively participate in all activities by listening, paying attention, completing tasks and contributing to discussions.
- Complete the occasional homework which might include activities, memorizing prayers, and the like.
- Respect others and others' property.
- Dress in a manner that shows respect and reverence.
- Show respect and reverence for the church, especially by maintaining a prayerful environment during Mass.

Parents

"Their [Parents'] role in the formation of Christian values in their children is irreplaceable" [NDC 48 (E)(1)].

St. Philip the Apostle promises to foster your child's growth as a Catholic Christian through a religious education program based on Scripture and the teachings and traditions of the Church as named in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. We cannot, however, replace you as the first and foremost catechist of your child. To help us assist you, please:

- Attend Sunday Mass with your child on a weekly basis. PREP is never a substitute for Mass.
- Though a good thing, Christian service is never a substitute for the weekend Mass.
- Be an active part of your child's learning. Take time to review the lesson each week, and ask about class activities.
- Communicate any special needs or circumstances that may affect your child within the classroom setting.

Safety Procedures

The safety of students is a serious responsibility. We ask your help by following these guidelines.

- Children in grades K through 5 must be picked up from the classroom by a parent.
- Notify the catechist or CRE if someone other than a parent will be picking up the child after class.
- Exercise caution in the parking lot, as children and parents will be entering and exiting both on foot and in vehicles.

Illness or Injury

In the event that a child becomes ill or injured during PREP, the catechist will notify the CRE, who will then call the parents using

PARISH PROGRAM POLICIES & PROCEDURES

the information on the medical release form. Emergency contacts will only be notified if the parents cannot be reached. Treatment for the ill or injured child will be based on the severity of the illness or injury, information provided on the Medical Release form, and consultation with parents.

It is necessary to return a signed Archdiocese of Cincinnati Permission, Release and Medical Power of Attorney form each year during the registration process. We are required by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati to receive a new signed form each year.

Please note: It is imperative that any changes or additions to the child's medical history or emergency contact information be provided to the CRE in writing.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend all scheduled sessions and miss **no more than 3 sessions** in the school year in order to assure reasonable participation and learning. Please arrive for class on time as we have a limited amount of time to cover the lessons! Please contact the CRE for any needed exceptions.

In addition to PREP classes, there are required Jesus Evenings for First Communicants; these cannot be missed. For 7th and 8th graders during a Confirmation year there are required Holy Spirit Evenings; these cannot be missed.

If your child has to be absent from class please call (513) 899-3601 ext. 207 and provide the name and grade of the child, as well as the reason for the absence.

The catechist may send home missed activities in order to help the student understand the missed lesson(s).

Attendance records will be kept on file. Parents may request copies of these records by calling the Coordinator of Religious Education.

Child Protection

In order to protect the children in our care, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati has established the Decree on Child Protection. All clerics, employees and regular volunteers must be familiar with the provisions which apply to them in the position in which they serve the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, and must comply with the Decree at all times. Also, they must have a positive background check on file with the Archdiocese.

All clerics, employees and regular volunteers must attend a VIRTUS Training session and are required to take monthly online VIRTUS training by reading VIRTUS bulletins. This is in addition to the Decree on Child Protection.

Program administrators are required by the Ohio Revised Code and the Archdiocesan Decree on Child Protection to report suspected or actual child abuse or neglect to the proper authorities. Parents, who are not VIRTUS trained and background checked, are not to attend PREP class, unless all parents are at the class.

The Decree on Child Protection, along with volunteer requirements, is available online at www.CatholicCincinnati.org.

Communication

Most months a parent newsletter for the 6th, 7th, 8th and high school grades is sent home with all the students 6th thru 12th grades. There is a different newsletter that is sent home monthly with the 1st thru 5th graders. This newsletter

will be sent home with the youngest family member in that age group to inform parents of upcoming events. Some catechists also communicate regularly with parents via email or newsletters. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, feel free to share them with your child's catechist or call the PREP office at (513) 899-3601 extension 207.

Policy Changes

St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church reserves the right to add or amend these policies at any time. In the event that a change or addition should be made, parents will be notified in writing.

Weather-Related Closings

In the event of inclement weather, it may be necessary for PREP classes to be cancelled. Weather-related closings will be announced on WKRC-TV (12), 700 WLW-AM, 102.7 FM, and 94.1 FM. Check their website at:

local12.com/weather/closing

You can sign up for school alert notifications by email or text message on their website. Detailed information will be given in the November PREP Newsletter.



PREP CURRICULUM & SPECIAL EVENTS

Curriculum

“School-age children should receive formal and systematic catechesis in a parish-based catechetical program, a Catholic school, or a program of home-based catechesis in which the content of the faith and the experience of the Christian life is presented authentically and completely”
[National Directory for Catechesis, 48 (E) (2)].

The PREP curriculum is developed in accordance with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati’s curriculum guidelines, *Growing Together. Ministry to Children* and *Growing Together. Adolescent Religious Education*. Catechetical instruction includes components of the Church’s orthodox teaching in faith and morals, such as Sacred Scripture, the Sacraments and Sacramental preparation, prayer, liturgical participation and living a life of virtue and Christian service.

Texts and materials are selected based on age, circumstances, and learning capacity of children and youth using the Archdiocese of Cincinnati’s *Preferred Textbook and Program* list. Current texts are:

Kindergarten: PROMISE (Pflaum Gospel Weeklies) along with What the Church Believes and Teaches.

Additional materials are available at www.pflaum.com/familypages (Website requires free registration). Age-appropriate, printable activities on topics such as Catholic Culture, Family Prayer, Saints, Feasts, and Liturgical Seasons are updated four times a year.

1st grade and 3rd thru 8th Grades: Alive In Christ (Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum Division)

For the 1st, 3rd thru 8th grades *Alive in Christ* for the appropriate grade is used in our PREP program.

2nd grade: Encounter with Christ and Blessed are used for religious education and sacrament preparation.

9th – 12th grade: The high school curriculum is taken from the Catechism of the Catholic Church and other resources designed to meet the developmental and spiritual needs of high school teens. Faith themes such as Church History, the Creed, Liturgy, Sacred Scripture, Catholic Morality, Justice and Peace, Lifestyles and Vocation are covered over a four year period.

Sacramental Preparation: Family packets will be distributed to each family for preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. These materials will be handed out at appropriate times during the year. Some of these resources are from Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum Division or another Catholic publishing company.

Special Events

Family Night – December 14, 2020

Monday, December 14th, the last evening of PREP before the Christmas break, will be Family Night for Christmas. Please join us for the Nativity Play and snacks. The 1st through 5th grade children will take part in the Nativity Play. Parents/guardians and children should attend. Grandparents and other relatives may also attend.

Christmas Gifts

As has been the tradition in past years, the PREP students will collect Christmas gifts for Saint Vincent de Paul to distribute to children in need. Information and sign ups will be sent home with students in November, and collections will take place in December. December 14th will be the last evening for the Christmas toy/gift collection. This is a great opportunity to teach our children to be generous as God is generous to us.

Lenten Project: During the Season of Lent the children will participate in Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl program. This project will help them reach out to those who are most in need in our world.

Lenten Family Night – TBD, 2021

On Monday, TBD, we will have a Family Night. This family night will consist of prayer, and faith information from the children. Please join us for this fun evening. Parents/guardians and children should attend. Grandparents and siblings may also attend.

Fundraisers

In the fall and spring, we will have fundraisers to help offset the costs related to PREP, Youth Ministry, and VBS. For the past ten years (except 2020) this has been the sale of Butter Braid pastries in the spring and this fundraiser has been very successful. We will also, for the third year, have a Joyful Traditions Cake Rolls fundraiser in the fall. Information on these fundraisers will be in one of the parent PREP Newsletters.

MUSIC PROGRAM



Music Program

Music and singing Hymns during Mass is an important part of our parish. Young people are encouraged to enroll in either the Singing Angels Children’s Choir or the Jr. High & High School Choir depending on their age. Although primarily focused on the hymns to be sung for specific liturgies, our Director of Music, Mark Cowen, will teach students about the Mass parts as well as learning new music from the Revised Roman Missal.

The Archdiocesan Decree on Child Protection requires all adults who work and/or volunteer with young people for any length of time to be compliant with all of the following:

- have attended a VIRTUS training class (pre-registration required)
- have passed an online background check (regardless of previous fingerprinting)
- be current on the monthly VIRTUS e-bulletins

There are no exceptions to these requirements. Two compliant adults must be present during choir activity, including the Music Director. This requirement is more easily met when the parents of the participating young people go through the program and become compliant themselves. Having more parents VIRTUS compliant gives the parish tremendous flexibility when sponsoring activities for our young people. Training classes are being held continuously. Call the parish office and ask Mary Orite-Shea, CRE about upcoming

training dates.

Singing Angels Children’s Choir

Children in grades K through 6th participating in the Singing Angels Choir prepare for Christmas, Easter, or special occasion liturgies noted on the registration forms. Rehearsals are on selected Monday evenings from 6:00 pm until 6:30 pm. A calendar is provided.

Registration for this choir is open during the Fall.

Please listen for announcements and watch for bulletin articles related to registration. Additional details are in the registration packets which will be on top of the organ in the choir area, or you can print them off the parish website. Please observe the deadlines for turning in completed registrations. These key dates are printed at the bottom of the information sheet attached to your registration.

Due to physical limitations in the choir area, Singing Angels Children’s Choir has a limited number of available spaces, which are filled on a first-come-first-served basis by turning in your completed registration packet. Conversely, a minimum of 6 children are required in order to begin or continue this ministry.

The Jr. High & High School Choir,

consisting of 7th through 12th graders, will sing at one or more liturgies during Christmas, and at other times of the year. The plan is to begin rehearsals in late Fall for the Christmas Masses and develop from there to occasionally providing music for one of the weekend Masses. Please listen for announcements and watch for bulletin articles related to registration for this Teen group during the fall months. A calendar of rehearsals will be provided, once the group has its initial planning meeting.

Additional details are on the registration forms which will be available in the choir area, once announcements have been made that registration has begun. Please observe the deadlines for turning in completed registrations. These key dates are printed at the bottom of the information sheet attached to your registration.

A minimum of 6 in the noted grades are required in order to begin or continue this ministry, in addition to another VIRTUS compliant adult at each session.

For more information on both choirs, please contact Mark Cowen at 513-850-5023 or at the following email address:

mcowen@stphilipmorrow.org

PREP CATECHISTS AND ASSISTANTS

Grade 1:

- Elaine Leist
- Assistant to be Assigned

Grade 2:

- Renee Doughman
- Assistant to be Assigned

Grade 3:

- Jacilyn Jackson
- Joyce Langenbrunner

Grade 4:

- TBD
- Assistant to be Assigned

Grade 5:

- Carolyn Roeper
- Assistant to be assigned

Grade 6:

- John Spoelker
- Assistant to be assigned

Grade 7:

- Gary Merz
- Sue Weber

Grade 8:

- Barbara Moran
- Perry Schneider

High School:

- Tom Shea
- Assistant to be Assigned

Kindergarten:

- Cindy Stith
- Assistant to be Assigned

Assistants/Substitute Catechists:

- Thad Agricola
- Kari Hamon
- Colleen Hicks
- Krissy Laubernds
- Andrea Zutavern

CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Note: The days and evenings that PREP Classes are held and days there will not be PREP Classes can be found on Page 3. Also Sacramental Days such as First Reconciliation and First Communion Jesus Evenings, etc. may not all be listed here, for those dates please refer to the handouts from the sacramental parent meetings.

Sept. 13 & 14: Opening Dates for PREP classes

Sept. 13, Sunday: Catechetical Sunday

Sept. 27, Sunday: Parent Confirmation Meeting, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass

Oct. 3 & 4: First Communion Liturgies for 2020 First Communicants

Oct. 5, Monday: Parent and Child Sacramental Meeting for all 2021 First Communicants and their parents, at least one parent and the child or children are required to attend at 6:30 PM in the church.

Oct. 19, Monday: Mass at 7:00 PM, Inscription Mass for First Communicants and their parents and PREP children and families.

Oct. TBD, Monday: Sacrament of Reconciliation for Grades 3-5 during PREP classes

Nov. 1, Sunday: Set clocks back 1 hour

Nov. 16, Monday: PREP Mass at 7:00 PM, hosted by Grade 5

Nov. 29, Sunday: No PREP (Thanksgiving Weekend), there is PREP on Monday evening Nov. 30th

Dec. 5, Saturday: Breakfast in Bethlehem with Santa – parish event

Dec. 13, Sunday: Last Sunday PREP Class before Christmas Break

Dec. 14, Monday: Christmas Family Night – Children (1st thru 5th grades) and their families are required to attend. This is the last Monday Class before Christmas Break

CALENDAR SECOND SEMESTER 2021

Jan. 3, Sunday: Sunday morning PREP resumes after Christmas Break

Jan. 4, Monday: Monday evening PREP resumes after Christmas Break

Jan. 17, Sunday: No PREP (Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday)

Jan. 18, Monday: No PREP (Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday)

Feb. 1, Monday: Jesus Evening 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM during PREP

Feb. 8, Monday: First Reconciliation for First Communicants 6:45 p.m.

Feb. 14, Sunday: No PREP (Presidents Day Holiday)

Feb. 15, Monday: No PREP (Presidents Day Holiday)

Feb. 17, Ash Wednesday: Masses 9 AM, 7 PM First Day of Lent

Feb. 22, Monday: PREP Mass at 7:00 PM, hosted by Grade 4

March 8, Monday: PREP Mass at 7:00 PM, hosted by Grade 3

March 14, Sunday: Check the clock! Daylight Savings Time Begins! Set clocks forward 1 hour.

TBD, Monday: PREP Lenten Family Night Children (1st thru 5th grades) and their families are required to attend.

TBD, Monday: PREP Stations of the Cross – 7:00 PM, during PREP

March 28, Sunday: Palm Sunday – PREP occurs

March 29, Monday: NO PREP – Holy Week

April 4, Easter Sunday: No PREP

April 5, Easter Monday: No PREP

April 25: Confirmation Practice at 12:30 p.m.

April 26, Monday: First Communion Practice 6:30 – 8:00 PM

April 28: Confirmation at 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Reception following

May 1 & May 2: First Communion Liturgies

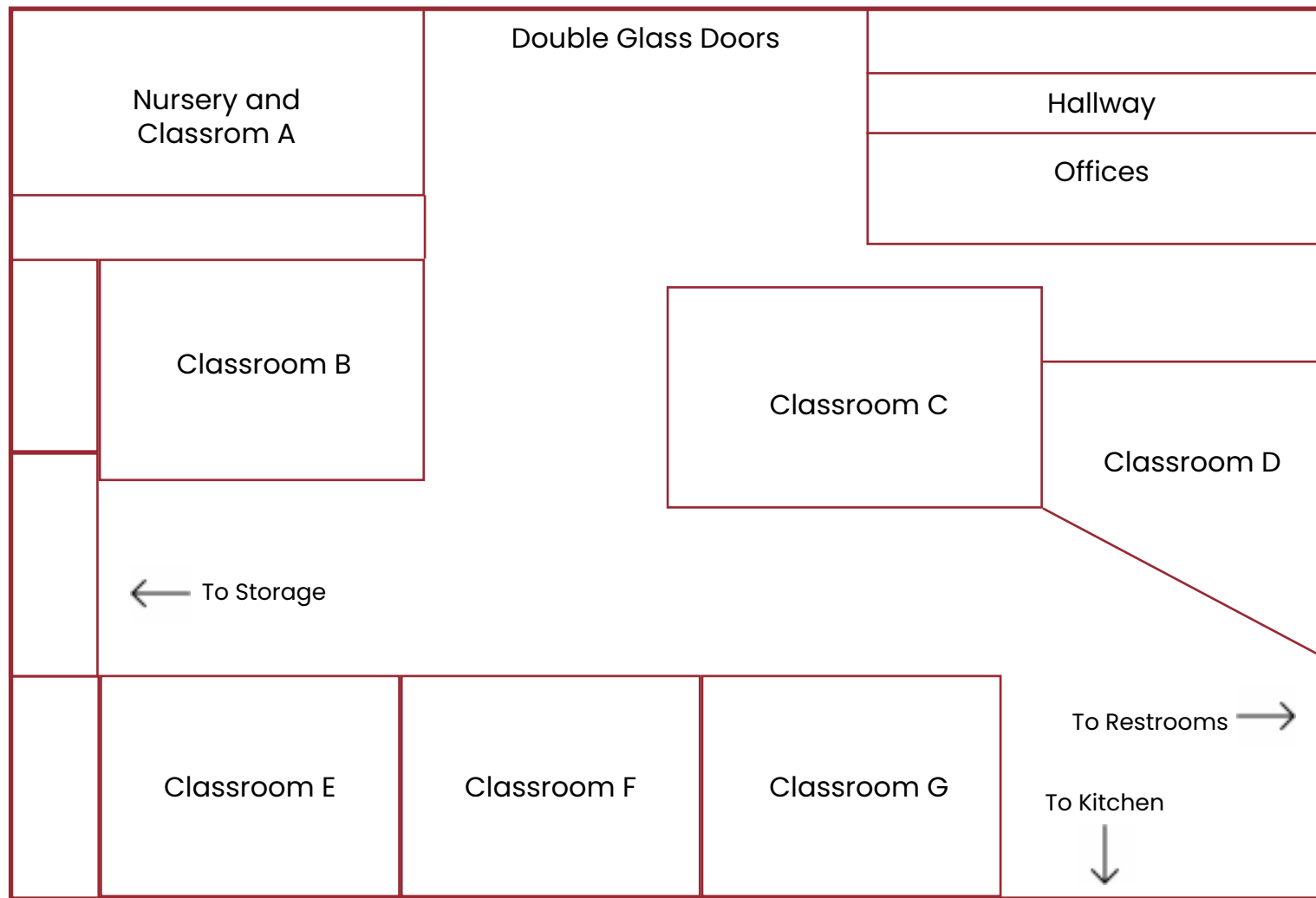
May 3, Monday: May Crowning 7:00 PM and St. Philip Feast Day



May 16, Sunday: Last Sunday PREP class

May 17, Monday: Last Monday PREP class

Map of St. Philip the Apostle Undercroft



ADOLESCENT CATECHESIS/YOUTH MINISTRY

Our junior and senior high young people are a very important part of St. Philip the Apostle Parish. Youth Ministry can provide opportunities for our young parishioners to deepen their faith through prayer together, group interaction, and FUN! St. Philip's Youth Group (SPYG) is open to 6th thru 12th grades. Normal meeting time for SPYG is Sunday evenings 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. This year SPYG will not meet every week because of Confirmation classes. The schedule for SPYG meetings will be available in September.

Also, the dates and details for SPYG meetings will be announced in the parish bulletin.

Research has shown that retreat experiences and service ministry have a great impact on the faith of young people. Please consider the many opportunities that both our parish and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati provide through our Youth Groups.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

In the event of a fire:

- Classrooms A, B, E and Nursery: Exit through the double doors.
- Classrooms D, F, G: Exit through the rear doors by restrooms.
- Classroom C: Exit through doors at the end of the hall, by offices.

All classes should exit in a quiet and orderly fashion, and congregate in the grass at the back edge of the parking lot (toward the woods). Catechists take attendance and notify the CRE of any missing students.

In the event of a tornado:

Move in a quiet and orderly fashion toward the West end of the building (supply closet, classroom E, and nursery room), Sit on the floor, tuck head to knees, with arms over head to protect from any debris.

PREP AND YOUTH MINISTRY CONTACT INFORMATION

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