

## St. Mary's Newport Catholic Church CCD – 2020-2021

Dear Parents,

October 2020

- 1) We would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone for the new year of religious education in our Catholic Faith, the teachings of Jesus Christ, and preparation for the Sacraments. Along with celebrating Mass, CCD is a glorious way to begin and grow our children's relationship with Jesus.
- 2) We are fortunate and thankful to have dedicated, caring teachers for our children. We appreciate their time and talent, and thank them very much. Please support our CCD teachers, with creating a safe, considerate, and positive classroom environment; a place of welcoming and good learning of our Catholic faith. Please reinforce with your children, as we will, to treat others with respect; please come prepared for class with homework completed, behave in class; and to please follow directions from CCD teachers and aides. Thank you for your support of our wonderful, dedicated CCD teachers.
- 3) Dates for the Sacraments of First Penance, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation are all TBD at this time, pending the assignment of a new Pastor for St. Mary's Newport.**
- 4) In this school year there will be an increased focus on regular attendance, especially for those students in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades receiving Sacraments of First Penance, 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and Confirmation. No more than two absences will be allowed. Additional absences may involve a meeting with the CCD Staff.
- 5) We also ask all parents to also attend weekly Mass with your children, in order to reinforce the lessons they learn in CCD and grow their relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.
- 6) When homework is assigned, it is to be turned in the following week. If your child is absent he/she will be responsible for making up missed work. We also encourage you to review your children's homework, tests, quizzes, and lessons with them at home. Tests will be given throughout the CCD school year. At this time we are unsure if the Archdiocese will again administer a Faith Knowledge Assessment.
- 7) We must have a copy of each child's Baptismal Certificate on file. If your child received their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion from a Parish other than St. Mary's Church Newport, we need a copy of that document on file as well. If you already have provided them, Thank You! If not, please provide us a copy as soon as you can.
- 9) Attached is a calendar to this letter to inform you of class days, events throughout the CCD school year, and certain holidays where there will be no class. Please note again that dates for First Penance, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation are TBD.
- 10) We request that the younger children, in grades one through four, be brought and picked up by a Parent, at the ramp entrance of St. Francis Hall after their CCD class is over. If you plan to attend the 9am Mass, the younger children may be escorted or dropped off by you or accompanied by an older family member. Please review all of the above with your children. Thank you and God Bless.

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## 2020-2021 CCD School Calendar

Grades 1-8  
Every Sunday Morning  
September 27, 2020 to May 16, 2021  
10:15am to 11:15am

### Except for the following holidays:

Nov 29, 2020 – Thanksgiving Weekend  
Dec 27, 2020 – Christmas / Feast Of The Holy Family  
Jan 3, 2021 – Solemnity Of Mary / Epiphany Of The Lord  
April 4, 2021 – Easter

### Sacraments

First Penance: April/May (**TBD**)  
First Holy Communion: May XX, 2021 (**tentative**)  
Confirmation: May YY, 2021 (**tentative**)  
Note: First Holy Communion and Confirmation dates are tentative and require final scheduling with the Archdiocese of Washington

### Class Participation & Readings During 9am Mass (All Dates Tentative)

<u>2020 Dates</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>2021 Dates</u>	<u>Grade</u>
November 8	8	January 10	5
November 22	7	February 14	4
December 15	6	March 28	8
		April 18	7

## St. Mary's Newport Catholic Church CCD – 2020-2021

The following list of teachers and staff, and their phone numbers, are provided for your information and convenience:

Grade 1 – Joanna Winters / Kevin Winters	301-751-4734
Grade 2 – Sharon Johnsen	301-643-2098
Grade 3 – Megan Moore	301-643-8682
Grade 4 – Chris Wathen	301-934-8859
Grade 5 – Samantha Yorio	301-885-7631
Grade 6 – Joanne Lennon	301-934-2039
Grade 7 – Kimberly Selkirk	301-399-5432
Grade 8 – Lewis McIntyre	301-934-5490
Substitute – June Wathen	301-934-8859
Substitute – Megan Maletto	301-934-5387
Substitute – Joe Troy	301-934-2185
Substitute – Erica Heinze	240-427-7704
Substitute – Renee Ward	301-752-2966
Substitute – Marc Albresch	442-286-3148
Director of Religious Education (DRE) – Mary Ellen Heinze	301-934-4352
CCD Administration – Tracey Wade	301-848-6382
CCD Administration – Nils Anderson	301-643-1318