

PREP Newsletter

Issue: August-September 2020 St. Mary Magdalen Church

IT'S A CHANGING WORLD!!

As someone who just got her AARP card, I am learning more every day about how important it is to be flexible! This year is just one more reason- I have spent the summer in the doldrums. Not being able to prepare for things the way I usually do really put a crimp in my planning. I totally understand how this virus is causing incredible anxiety, because I have been living it! Yes, as my family will tell you, I like control! In any case, I did spend a lot of time watching webinars, learning new techniques, and while the year will be a lot different, I hope you will embrace the change and enjoy! And I'm still going to try to get that last few days in at the shore...

As you have heard me say, YOU are the primary educator of your children, and now you are being called on even more. Know that with all my heart I want your children to be here – and to be safe. Let's work together to make it happen!



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REGISTRATION 2020-2021

As some of our learning this year will be virtual (and the state has some control over that) we will need to buy e-books in addition to paper. That means that the publisher will need to send you a code to access them – so I will need current emails from all of you. **Please register ASAP, as I will need to send that information to the publisher** and I will not do it until I know for sure someone is returning!

This will not be like previous years when you can wait til the first day of class!

REGISTRATION FOR PREP

FORM A

TECHNOLOGY FORM – being finalized
ALL THREE FORMS REQUIRED!

CHANGES

- Classes will not begin until October 4th, with a pickup day for materials at the end of September
- Classes will begin at 9:30AM and go until 11AM to accommodate changed mass schedule
- Classes will be a hybrid of in-house and virtual learning, with one weekend off every month
- PARENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING – YOU WILL DROP OFF AT THE MAIN DOOR, STAGGERED TIMES BY LAST NAME, AND PICKUP THE SAME WAY
- Masks will be required.
- Seating will involve social distancing

Scout Award Recognition

The Scouts have religious awards which are given out as the Scout completes the requirements. This year, SMM had several Scouts achieve this honor!

Diocesan Cross Award – symbolizes Faith
Amira & Salima Zogheib

National Family of God Award – helping Scouts see God in their homes and parishes
Amira Zogheib

National God Is Love Award – to know God loves us
Ashley Zoccolillo

Catholic Identity Model of Faith patch - earned as the Scout learns more about saints (Mother Teresa) – and Women in Scripture patch – focus on Mary Magdalen
Amira & Salima Zogheib

VIRTUAL MEETING FOR PARENTS NEW TO PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER 27TH 10:15-11AM VIRTUAL

Once I have your email addresses, I will send you a link to the meeting for that morning. Since the program this year will be very different from the past, I will do my best to give you an overview of what we have planned – but know that things may change as the situation demands! Our goal is always both the best education and the safest one for your children!

Traditions are the stories that families write together

OK, so I heard it on Hallmark – but it's true! Being the catechist at home means you have the opportunity to start family traditions in your faith. October is the month of the rosary; maybe move your statue of Mary front and center and each night say a Hail Mary, or even better a decade of the rosary. We have both a printout on how to say the rosary and a video you can watch online at <https://www.smmchurch.org/resources>

In general, the fall is considered Ordinary Time in the Liturgical Year. The priest on Sundays will usually be wearing green, as a sign that we should be using this time to grow in our faith. He wears red for the feast of a martyr and white for a feast of a saint in general.

DAYS OFF 2020-2021 CALENDAR YEAR

October 11th

November 8th, 29th

December 27th

January 17th, 31st

February 21st

March 28th (Palm Sunday)

April 4th (Easter Sunday)

INITIAL CALENDAR – subject to change as required for safety!

Sept. 20th – materials pickup for families last names beginning A-K

September 27th – materials pickup for families last names beginning L-Z

October 4th – class in building

October 18th – class in building

October 25th – virtual class at home

November 1st – class in building

November 15th – virtual class at home

November 22nd – class in building

December 6th – class in building

December 13th – virtual class at home

December 20th – class in building

January 3rd – virtual class

January 10th – class in building

January 24th – class in building

February 7th – class in building

February 14th – virtual class at home

February 28th – class in building

March 7th – class in building

March 14th – virtual class

March 21st – class in building

April 11th – class in building

April 18th – virtual class

April 25th – class in building (last class)