

Dear Parents,

The month of June begins registration for St. Catherine's Religious Education classes for the 2016-2017 school year.

Items needed to complete registration are attached to this email:

- Registration form
- Release Information form
- Permission to Publish form
- All items need to be complete with your payment (checks made payable to St. Catherine of Siena Church) and **mailed or dropped off to St. Catherine of Siena Church, 10 N. Pocono Rd., Mt. Lakes, NJ No registration will be accepted by email.**
- Be sure to read the Handbook found on our website: stcatherine-ml.org.
- **Registrations received after August 15th will incur a \$50 late fee.**

Volunteers are needed on all levels for the coming school year. We are always in need of catechists, office help, babysitters, and catechist substitutes. (Indicate on registration form.) Please consider assisting us in whatever capacity you feel comfortable. Four hundred+ students are an enormous responsibility and an awesome joy – and your help is always appreciated!

OUR CLASSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7**	Grade 8**	Grade 9**	Grade 10**
Monday	4:00-5:15pm Begin 9/12					7:30-9:00pm Begin 9/12**	7:30-9:00pm Begin 11/7**		
Tuesday		4:00-5:15pm Begin 9/13			7:00-8:15pm Begin 9/13				
Wednesday			4:00-5:15pm Begin 9/14					7:30-9:00pm Begin 11/2**	7:30-9:00pm Begin 9/14**
Thursday				4:00-5:15pm Begin 9/15					

**Grade 7 – Fall Semester Begins 9/12→10/24 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A special class on the Liturgy is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 1st at 4:30pm followed by Mass at 5:30pm.• Spring Semester Begins 1/9/2017→2/13/2017	**Grade 10 – Fall Semester Begins 9/14→10/26 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CONFIRMATION RETREAT – August 27th and August 28th• Spring Semester Begins 3/1/2017→4/5/2017• <i>Confirmation</i> will be celebrated on <u>Saturday, April 1, 2017 at 11am</u>. Practice will be on Thursday, March 30th at 7:30pm.
**Grade 8 – Fall Semester Begins 11/7→12/12 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spring Semester Begins 2/27/2017→4/3/2017• A special class on the Liturgy is scheduled for Saturday, March 25th at 4:30pm followed by Mass at 5:30pm.• An in-house retreat is scheduled during class time on April 3, 2017.	**Grade 9 – Begins 11/2 and continues thru February 15, 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A special in-house retreat will be held on Nov. 9, 2016 during regular class time.• Grade 9 classes will have 1 consecutive semester from from 11/2/2016 thru 2/15/2017.

First graders will meet on one of the following days: Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons from 4:00-5:15pm depending upon availability. You may choose to have your first grader on the same afternoon as an older sibling. Class space is limited, so please return the registration as soon as possible. **(Our 1st grade Wednesday class for the 2016-17 year is full; Tuesday is the only option as of 9/9/2016)**

IMPORTANT DATES:

GRADE 10 PARENTS' Required Meeting: * *Please note: One parent or guardian needs to attend this retreat meeting.*

Preparing for the Confirmation Retreat: Thursday August 25th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center.

1ST GRADE PARENT MEETING: Wednesday, September 14th at 6:30pm in the Gym.

NEW PARENTS' MEETING for **grades 2-6** can join at 7:00pm in the Gym.

GRADE 2 PARENTS' Required Meetings: (all in the Parish Center)

Preparing for Reconciliation: Monday, October 3rd at 4:15 OR Tuesday, October 4th at 7:30pm

Preparing for First Holy Communion: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:15pm OR Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 4:15pm

GRADE 9 PARENTS' Required Meeting:

Preparing for Confirmation: Wednesday, November 2nd at 8:00 pm in the Parish Center.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the many catechists, parents, and of course, our children, for the honor and blessing of passing on our faith. One does not take part in a ministry such as this without a lot of help, support, and prayers. It is a privilege to be able to work together as we travel on this wonderful journey we call life.

Have a safe and blessed summer. See you at Mass!

Thanks and God Bless,

Lisa Gervasio, DRE

My prayers are with you and I ask for your prayers in return.