

May, 2018

Re: Summer Program Session I

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the Church of Saint Catharine, Summer Religious Education Program! We are very excited about “*Discovering Jesus at the Beach*”, where we plan on bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the children with joy and sunshine!

We would like to take this time to go over a few details with you. This will help to alleviate some of the confusion that may take place, especially on the first day of class.

**Classes:** Will begin on Monday, June 25 and end on Friday, July 6. They will begin ***promptly*** at: 8:30 a.m. and end ***promptly*** at: 12:30 p.m. (Please remember, no class on Wednesday, July 4.) ***Absolutely: no absences; no late arrivals; or early pick-ups.***

**Class assignments:** Your child/children will be contacted by their teacher prior to the first day of class. The teacher will introduce him/herself to you and let you know the classroom number.

**Parent Handbook and Behavior Contract will be sent out in a separate email.**

**All 3rd & 4<sup>th</sup> grade students** will need to bring in the Bibles' they received in grade 2. (Please be sure their names are on them.)

**Prayers:** We still have work to do!!! All students are expected to be ***at their current grade level*** and proficient in their prayer knowledge. Please help support us by praying together with your child/children before meals and at bed-time. We will continue on our end helping the students to “understand” the meaning of the prayers. There is a definite difference in the faith formation and spiritual growth of the children who have mastered their prayers. *(Please see attached prayer list by grade with a review check off list.)*

**All 6<sup>th</sup> grade students** will be evaluated by Msgr. Vaughan to ensure that they are on target with their prayer knowledge before moving on to grade 7. If special arrangements need to be made because of learning issues, please contact me personally before the summer program begins. We thank you for your continued support and encouragement!!! It means more to your children than you think!!! ☺

**Safety is our top priority!** Please follow these guidelines for dropping off and picking up your child/children each day:

## **\*\*New Traffic Pattern as per Holmdel Police Department\***

### **Arrival Procedures:**

Choice A – Drop-off/Valet: Enter the parking lot, using **only** the "Middletown Road Entrance by the Chapel". Follow the one-way traffic pattern around the back of the building and drop off your child/children at the Main (Atrium) Entrance of the Religious Education Building.

**(PLEASE NO PETS – volunteers will not open car doors with a pet in the car.)**

Choice B – Parking

Enter the parking lot, using **only** the "Middletown Road Entrance by the Chapel". Park in the back parking lot and walk your child/children through the Back Entrance of the Religious Education Building.

**(All PETS must remain in the car while you walk your child/children into the building.)**

**(Please see the attached traffic pattern map provided by Holmdel Police Department)**

**Pick –up procedures:** Will **only** be in the back of the building (back parking lot). The teachers will walk their students out the back door at dismissal time. We will bring the classes out at sporadic times, to alleviate congestion. **Please drive carefully, and slowly, and follow all directions, so that we may keep all the children safe.**

**Attire:** Please dress your children comfortably, as they will be going outdoors (weather permitting). However, we ask that they be dressed appropriately (no short shorts, no flip flops and no midriffs).

**Snacks:** We will provide snacks and drinks for the children every day. Should your child have any restrictions or allergies, please provide your own snacks and drinks (label your child's snack bags).

### **Supplies:**

**Please send in a composition notebook, pocket folder, 2 pencils and a beach towel that your child can use to sit on. Thank You!**

**Mark Your Calendars:** On Friday, July 6 at 11:30 a.m. we have a closing ceremony planned. All parents and siblings are invited.

If for some reason your child/children will not be attending the summer program, please contact us immediately.

We look forward to seeing everyone in June! And again, thank you for your support and for the gift of your beautiful children!!!

Blessings and Peace,

*Dominica Vullo*

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Coordinator of Religious Education



Dear Parents,

We can pray with any words that come to mind. Sometimes, when we find that choosing our own words is difficult, we can use traditional prayers. Likewise, when we pray aloud with others, we rely on traditional prayers to unite our minds, hearts, and voices. Memorizing traditional prayers can be very helpful. When we memorize prayers, we take them to heart, meaning that we not only learn the words but also try to understand and live them.

Listed below are all the Prayers by grade. For your convenience we have listed all the Prayers in one file: "Prayers to Take to Heart" on our website.

**Grade 1 - Prayers to Take to Heart**

- Sign of the Cross
- Lord's Prayer
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be to the Father
- Grace Before Meals

**Grade 2 - Prayers to Take to Heart**

- Sign of the Cross
- Lord's Prayer
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be to the Father
- Grace Before Meals
- Act of Contrition

**Grade 3 - Prayers to Take to Heart**

- Sign of the Cross
- Lord's Prayer
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be to the Father
- Grace Before Meals
- Act of Contrition
- Apostles' Creed

**Grade 4 - Prayers to Take to Heart**

- Sign of the Cross
- Lord's Prayer
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be to the Father
- Grace Before Meals
- Act of Contrition
- Apostles' Creed
- Nicene Creed

**Grade 5 - Prayers to Take to Heart**

- Sign of the Cross
- Lord's Prayer
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be to the Father
- Grace Before Meals
- Act of Contrition
- Apostles' Creed
- Nicene Creed

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**Grade 6 - Prayers to Take to Heart** \*All 6th graders will be tested by Msgr. Vaughan.\*

- Sign of the Cross
- Lord's Prayer
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be to the Father
- Grace Before Meals
- Act of Contrition
- Apostles' Creed
- Nicene Creed

**Grade 7 - Prayers to Take to Heart**

- Sign of the Cross
- Lord's Prayer
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be to the Father
- Grace Before Meals
- Act of Contrition
- Prayer to the Holy Spirit
- Apostles' Creed
- Nicene Creed

**Grade 8 - Prayers to Take to Heart**

- Sign of the Cross
- Lord's Prayer
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be to the Father
- Grace Before Meals
- Act of Contrition
- Prayer to the Holy Spirit
- Apostles' Creed
- Nicene Creed

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Parent Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***\*\*\*Please send in with your child/children on the first day of class\*\*\****

# Prayers to Take to Heart

## Sign of the Cross

*In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*

## Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who  
trespass against us;  
and lead us not into  
temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.*

## Hail Mary

*Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*





# Prayers to Take to Heart

## Glory Be to the Father

*Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen.*

## Grace Before Meals

*Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts  
which we are about to receive from your goodness.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

## Act of Contrition

*My God,  
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.  
In choosing to do wrong  
and failing to do good,  
I have sinned against you  
whom I should love above all things.  
I firmly intend, with your help,  
to do penance,  
to sin no more,  
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.  
Our Savior Jesus Christ  
suffered and died for us.  
In his name, my God, have mercy.*

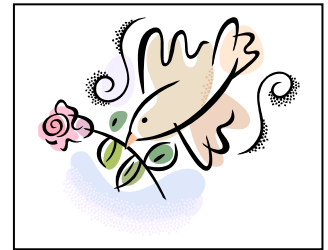


# Prayers to Take to Heart

## Prayer to the Holy Spirit

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.  
And kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.  
And you will renew the face of the earth.  
Let us pray.*

*Lord,  
By the light of the Holy Spirit  
You have taught the hearts of your faithful.  
In the same Spirit  
Help us to relish what is right  
And always rejoice in your consolation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*





# Prayers to Take to Heart

## Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.*



# Prayers to Take to Heart

## Nicene Creed

*I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.*

*I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.*

*I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.*

