

St. Timothy Catholic Church

13807 Poplar Tree Road
Chantilly, Virginia 20151
(703) 378-9143



Religious Education Program

Parent/Student Handbook

Academic Year 2018 – 2019

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Dear Parents,

The purpose of our program is to teach the Catholic faith to our children. Our aim is to develop in them an understanding of the mystery of Christ in the light of God's World... "so that they may imitate Him in every part of their lives." It is our goal to fulfill the desire in our students to know "Jesus who is called Christ." (Mt. 1:16)

Our curriculum is designed to meet the directives of St. John Paul II when he says "...care must be taken that the education of Catholics in the Catholic Church should be well ensured in matters of doctrine and Christian living. (Catechesis Tradendae IV, 33)

"The person who becomes a disciple of Christ has the right to receive 'the word of faith'...whole and entire." Therefore, we at St. Timothy CCD strive to ensure integrity of content and suitable methods of teaching.

The content is drawn from the Word of God transmitted in the Scriptures and Tradition. Instruction will be systematic, deal with essentials yet be complete, and open to all factors of Christian life.

We must note that, "it is in the Sacraments, especially in the Eucharist, that Jesus Christ works in fullness for the transformation of human beings." In other words, the Sacraments and catechesis must go together.

It is in the spirit that the CCD staff and I ask for your prayers and cooperation in this great work.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. David Meng
Pastor

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ST. TIMOTHY CATHOLIC CHURCH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. Timothy's Religious Education Program, which is rooted in and derived from the Roman Canon of the Mass, *is simply and always to hold and teach the Catholic Faith that comes to us from the Apostles.* We acknowledge the one Teacher, Jesus Christ, and remain steadfastly united to the Catholic Church He founded on the rock of St. Peter. Therefore, we expect unwavering fidelity to the Successor of Peter from all teachers and teacher assistants who volunteer in this program.

At St. Timothy's Parish, each child is seen as created in the image and likeness of God and as a reflection of His goodness. Realizing that God has created all things for His glory and our benefit, the challenge of being a living witness to the Gospel is central to the development of each student. *Therefore, at St. Timothy's, an understanding of Jesus and His message is essential to knowing Him, loving Him, and serving Him always.*

The core elements listed below form the foundation and strength of St. Timothy's Religious Education Program. With these elements we seek to cultivate the hearts, minds, and souls of our students to their fullest potential.

- ✠ The Parents are recognized and respected as the primary educators of their children.
- ✠ The dignity of the individual, as a unique child of God, is nurtured and developed.
- ✠ The doctrine of the Catholic faith is presented in its fullness and entirety as both knowledge to be learned and a life to be lived.
- ✠ The Sacramental life is central to developing and sustaining the Catholic Faith.
- ✠ The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Real Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist is the "source and summit" of our faith.
- ✠ The promotion of frequent reception of the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist.
- ✠ The Gospel's values teach moral life as expressed in the Ten Commandments, Beatitudes, Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are professed, cultivated and practiced.
- ✠ The Word of God is revered.
- ✠ Our Blessed Lady's example, as the first disciple of Jesus, is our model.
- ✠ The virtues are fostered and practiced in everyday life.
- ✠ Reading and studying the lives of the saints as an example for our lives
- ✠ The importance of prayer is stressed as a source for growth in the spiritual life. Holy Hours, Rosaries, Novenas, personal prayers, and Mass attendance are stressed and encouraged.

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2018 - 2019

Dear Parents:

Thank you for the opportunity of assisting your family in Religious Education. We are delighted to be able to communicate electronically with you. You will receive emails containing all important information before classes start. Your child's CCD class assignment is attached to this email. With this document/memo, you will find the School Expectations, the Transportation Guideline, the Drop-off/Pick-up Acknowledgment form, 2018-2019 Calendar of CCD Classes/Holidays and Class Syllabus. The Parents Hand Book is or was emailed to you separately. Please read all the important information thoroughly, especially the traffic pattern and guidelines. Our CCD program is one of the largest in the Arlington Diocese. Nevertheless, we recognize the value of each student and every family. Please be sure to let us know if you have any questions, concerns or special needs.

PARENT'S ROLE

Parents are the primary religious educators of their children. The home is the domestic Church and the place where a child first experiences the Catholic faith. You teach primarily by the example you set. It is extremely crucial for children to experience the love of God in their homes. The Religious Education Office intends to work in partnership with parents in order to assist them in living their vocations as educators of their children. This program should merely complement, *not replace*, the catechesis children should receive in the home. The Religious Education Program assists parents in their God-given role as educator.

All Christian education finds its source within the sacramental life of the Church. Therefore, it is of utmost importance that children are given the opportunity for frequent participation in the Sacrament of Penance and weekly Sunday attendance at Holy Mass. Knowledge of the Catholic faith that is not upheld by the practice of the sacramental life is empty knowledge. Please ensure that your child is able to participate in the life of the Church by attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, and if possible on Wednesday evenings at the Parish Holy Hour and Mass.

Finally, parents, please make every effort to have your child in class at least five (5) minutes before class begins. This is particularly important because of the ten minutes Holy Hour that has been added to our curriculum for all students. Students will take turn to go to the Chapel for a visit with Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Hence your child should be in his/her seat and ready to begin class at the starting time. Students should arrive no earlier than 15 minutes prior to the start of class.

STUDENT'S ROLE

Students are expected to be punctual and prepared for class. Students should arrive no earlier than 15 minutes prior to the start of class. *Each week, students should bring their textbooks,*

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writing utensils, and completed homework assignments. Students should conduct themselves in a manner appropriate to a classroom environment.

OPENING DATES - CLASS ROOM and HOME TAUGHT

For grades 1 - 8, classes are scheduled to begin the week of **September 10, 2018**.

Home Taught will begin October 1st.

PK/K classes will begin the week of October 1st

Information for students starting in October (HT & PK/K) will be e-mailed out at the end of September. We will call if you do not have an email address.

MODEST DRESS CODE

Students will sometimes go to the Church for prayer and visit Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. We ask that students dress modestly - ***NO*** short shorts, short skirts, tank tops, halter tops, midriff shirts, spaghetti straps, skin-tight pants or dresses or tight slacks are to be worn to Religious Education classes. Articles of clothing which depict drugs, alcohol, profanity, weapons, and sexual innuendo are forbidden. All pants must be worn at the waist. No student is permitted to wear excessively baggy pants or pants with rips. Hats, for gentlemen, must be removed upon entering the building. Dress code violators will be warned and will be sent home on the second offense.

BOOKS

Each student will receive a text and an activity book on the first day of class - the **Faith and Life** program is an excellent series. The books are the property of each student. Please write your student's name inside his/her books. If books are lost, a replacement may be purchased. The cost to replace the textbook is \$25.00 and the activity book is \$15.00.

8th graders will also use the Confirmation Programs called "Decision Point" by Matthew Kelly and Dynamic Catholic and the "Chosen" from Fr Mike Schmitz and Ascension Press. They have developed these programs to engage young Catholic in a dynamic conversation about Catholicism, which will lead to a lifetime commitment.

All the "Decision Point" materials are posted online. If you would like to view that Program, please visit: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/view-program/> - you can also download The "Decision Point" app on your cell phone or tablet – it contains all videos and activities.

SUPPLIES

- Text & activity book, Faith and Life Series.
- Folder/binder to organize class materials
- Loose leaf paper for class activities or quizzes
- Pencil or pen
- The Bible* (Church-approved version, may be purchased through CCD Office)
**This is mandatory for 3rd grade and up.*

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SCHEDULE / SYLLABUS / CURRICULUM

The class syllabus has the schedule of class dates with the chapters to be covered along with the corresponding homework assignment each week. Students are expected to complete assigned chapter(s) / homework despite absences and / or cancellations.

Preschool Program

The Preschool program is for children who are 4 or 5 years old by September. We combine these two age groups together as the PK/K classes. Since we are combining the PK/K students, the kindergarten level textbooks “Who Am I?-Image of God” and “Christ Our Life-God loves Us” will be alternated every other year. Therefore when the 4 year old students return to the PK/K program, they will have a new different textbook to use. **These classes begin in October.**

Focus in on learning how to pray as a child of God. Hearing His Word in Bible stories, and acting as His child within the home and school environment. Children must be capable of being left unaccompanied by the parents in order to participate.

Grades 1 through 6

A well-organized presentation of the Catholic Faith characterizes the curriculum. Children are expected to attend regularly during the school year and continuously from year to year. CCD is a SCHOOL. To interrupt a child’s religious schooling does serious harm to the education process and growth in the spiritual life.

Confirmation Classes - 7 through 8

Confirmation preparation normally consists of two years of classes beginning in the Seventh grade. Study of Catholic doctrine, sacramental life, moral life and prayer are included. These necessarily focus on being fully initiated into the Catholic Faith through the fullness of The Holy Spirit in Confirmation.

Home Taught

The home taught program is for those parents who want to teach their children in the home environment with our assistance. This can be done from PK/K through 8th grade.

Parents are provided texts, tests and resource material for teaching their children the Catholic faith in a consistent, structured manner. Parents are responsible for record keeping and are kept informed of activities that might enhance the doctrinal and devotional development of their child.

Students should be registered indicating “Home Taught” as their first choice.

HOMEWORK

Each week, homework is assigned in the Activity Book corresponding to the chapter in the syllabus. Homework is to be done on the chapter(s) covered that week. Students should study for a quiz on the material covered. Time permitting, students should read ahead. If your child misses a class, please refer to the syllabus and cover the material at home. Missed homework assignments from the Activity Book are the responsibility of the student. As homework is an integral part of the report card, all missed homework assignments should be given to the teacher upon returning to class. Failure to hand in missed homework may result in a zero.

INCLEMENT WEATHER (Snow Days) or Cancellations

St. Timothy Parish, School and CCD will follow Fairfax County Public School Closings and Cancellations of all weekday and weekend activities during inclement weather. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** The liturgical celebrations will remain constant. We will notify you via email if CCD classes are cancelled. Please check your email.

Due to time constraints, when classes are canceled, the teacher does not have to make up the missed lesson(s). Parents are asked to cover the missed lesson(s) at home.

COMMUNICATION

All communications from the CCD office will be through email. General announcements and reminders will be posted in the church bulletin. Events and special days will be indicated in the CCD calendar which is accessible at the bottom of the <http://sttimothyparish.org/ccd> webpage.

REPORT CARDS

Teachers will provide a standard written evaluation of a student's progress twice during the school year (January and May). Report cards will be distributed in class. Grades are based on one-semester records of tests, quizzes, homework, and memorization of prayers and doctrine. If your child/children received "NI" in the areas of tests and memorization of prayers, he/she will need to take and pass a test on basic doctrine in order to get credit for the class. Those students with poor attendance (missing more than ½ of the classes) will receive an INC - incomplete or 0 on their report cards.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

The CCD program strives to develop a love and respect for God, self, others and property. While on the grounds of St. Timothy School and Church, we expect students, volunteers, and staff to act in an exemplary Christian manner. Detailed behavior expectations help us to ensure safety and create a school wide atmosphere conducive to the task at hand. The CCD Program solicits and must have the support of the parents in this endeavor. When necessary, consequences are applied in a just and orderly manner through the use of a 3 warning system, which will be enforced. The Director reserves the right to remove students from the classroom at any time.

1st Warning - This is an oral one and is recorded by the teacher, parents will NOT be informed until the 2nd warning;

2nd Warning - A note to parents from the teacher will go home to be signed and must be returned before student can attend class;

3rd Warning - A conference with the parent, teacher and CCD director is a MUST before the student can return to class.

CELL PHONES

Students are NOT allowed to use cell phones to class because they are very disruptive. The staff will collect any cell phones that are causing disruptions and parents will need to pick them up in the CCD Office. In case of an emergency, students can use the phone in the CCD Office to call home.

ABSENCES*

Absences should be reported to the CCD Office at 703-378-9143. Phone calls from parents are excused absences. Please be sure to complete all missed work at home. Homework should be handed in to teacher at the next class.

Attendance is mandatory for all students in Sacramental Preparation Classes. This includes grades 2, 7 and 8 classes. Students preparing for a sacrament who miss 3 or more classes will not be recommended to the Pastor to receive the sacrament unless absences are due to illness, death in family or other emergency situations. An **excused absence is when the parent has informed the teacher or contacted the CCD Office by phone or memo.*

REGISTRATION FEE

FEE IS DUE AT REGISTRATION, and is non-refundable. A late fee of \$10.00 will be added after August 1st for returning students. All students will be admitted regardless of financial situations. If the tuition presents a financial hardship, please contact the CCD Office at 703-378-9143.

CLASS SWITCHES

Requests for class switches will be honored only if classes are not full and are only allowed for students who need to switch the date or time due to a schedule conflict. No switches within the same time period are allowed (e.g. **NO switching from 2A to 2B, or 7A to 7B**)

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES

Students planning to receive First Penance, First Holy Communion (Grade 2 and Missing Sacrament), and Confirmation (7th & 8th) **must provide a copy of their baptismal certificate to the CCD Office with registration. Certificates are necessary for all students including students who were baptized at St. Timothy Church.**

Serving Humbly in Christ,

Chris Summers

Director of Religious Education



ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Mr. Chris Summers, *Director of Religious Education*
Sister Emelita Sobrepena, S.N.D.S., *Assistant DRE*

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday – 11:00a.m. – 6:00p.m.

CCD Office Phone: 703-378-9143 or 703-814-7988

(Note: These numbers are equipped with an automatic answering device to take your calls at any time.)

REGISTRATION

CCD students returning to the program must re-register each year. This registration takes place in the Spring of their previous CCD school year.

A copy of student's **Baptismal Certificate** **MUST** be included for grades 2nd, 7th, RCIC/Missing Sacrament students even if they were baptized at St. Timothy's Church.

Be sure to register by June 1st to assure your child a place in the Fall. A late fee of \$10.00 will be charged after August 1st.

The deadline for students new to the program is June 30th.

Because we have almost 1,000 children in our program, we must adhere to these deadlines.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Grades PK/K through 8: Monday 4:45-6:00p.m.

Monday 7:00-8:15p.m.

Tuesday 4:45-6:00p.m.

Tuesday 7:00-8:15p.m.

Wednesday 5:15-6:30p.m.

All High School students already confirmed are welcome to join the Youth Ministry. They meet almost every Sunday after the 5:30p.m. Mass. See the bulletin for detailed information.

RCIC/Missing Sacraments: begins in either October/November and ends in March/April on Monday 4:45-6:00p.m.

RCIC Mass for Sacrament of Initiation will be scheduled right before Easter each year.

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- 3rd Warning - A conference with the parent, teacher, and DRE is a **MUST** before student can return to class.

Student Responsibilities:

I will respect the classroom learning environment.

I will follow directions the first time.

I will respect the rights and property of others.

I will show respect for adults, teachers, substitute teachers, and other students.

I will take care of my CCD book and supplies.

I will walk quietly inside the building.

I will maintain silence when being addressed over the PA system.

I will leave all musical devices, electronic games at home.

I will turn my cell off before class begins and keep it out of sight.

I will leave food, candy or gum at home.

***The staff will collect any cell phones that are a disruption and parents will need to pick them up in the CCD Office.**

The CCD Office retains the right to issue immediate dismissal or the necessary warnings for serious misconduct. The following is a possible, but not exhaustive, list of such behaviors:

1. Causing physical harm and endangering the health of others.
2. Destruction of property.
3. Repeated unruly behavior and or foul language.
4. Disrespect in word or action.
5. Unacceptable behavior in Church.
6. Copying another student's work.
7. Substance abuse or possession of related materials.
8. Possession of weapon or incendiary.

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MONDAY & TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY CCD GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT DROP-OFF/PICK-UP AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

We ask everyone's cooperation, patience and courtesy. If we expect the children to be respectful and courteous, the best method to teach them is by good example. We have had several close calls when children and parents failed to adhere to procedures. Afternoon and evening students / parents are expected to follow the same drop off and dismissal rules. The Fairfax County Police Dept. has advised us about this pattern for dismissal. A map is provided on the back of this memo. Please take time to read over the guidelines and the map carefully. If you do not understand this pattern, please call the CCD Office at 703-378-9143 for assistance.

ALL STUDENTS MUST RETURN THE SIGNATURE FORM FOR THE TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES ACKNOWLEDGMENT ON THE 1ST DAY OF CLASS. THIS FORM ADVISES TEACHERS AND CCD STAFF OF YOUR UNDERSTANDING TOWARD THE MANNER OF PICK-UP FOR EACH CHILD. FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS FOR DISMISSAL IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE IN THE PROGRAM. YOUR HELP AND COOPERATION ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED

NO PARKING AND NO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ARE PERMITTED IN THE AREA IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER CCD.

DROP-OFF

Children should be dropped off at the main entrance of the school by following the arrows on the map. Do not park and leave cars in front of the school at any time. This area is designated as the safest drop-off point for hundreds of students and must remain open for emergency vehicles. If you have to park to drop-off your child, please park in the east or west parking lots. Please do **NOT** drop off at the east entrance, by cement steps – **this door is locked to prevent strangers from entering the school.**

PARKING LOT PICKUP

Cars arriving for Parking Lot Pickup must park in the eastern parking areas. Parents must arrive 10 minutes before dismissal to avoid congestion. Students designated for parking lot pickup will be dismissed first and will use the East Exit of the school. Parents should pick up their child in front of the East Exit. For the safety and well being of each child, please walk with your child from the pickup area to your car. Children should **NOT** walk alone across traffic lanes. Park according to how you will exit onto Poplar Tree Road as the Fairfax Police Department will be utilizing cones for separation of right and left hand exits. Please review the map carefully.

CURBSIDE PICKUP

Please enter the grounds at the ENTRANCE indicated on the map. Follow the arrows and form TWO lanes of traffic on the West Side of the school as shown on the map. When children are dismissed to the curb in front of the school, proceed forward into one lane by alternating from the two lanes. Teachers of the PK/K, 1st and 2nd grades will escort their classes to the pickup area. CCD staff and dismissal aides will help the lower grade students board the cars. Upper grade students (6th grade and up) should watch for and board their car by themselves. Staff and volunteers will remain on the sidewalk to keep order and to help insure safety. After boarding,

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please exit according to your direction of travel on Poplar Tree Road. If your children were not with the rest of the car riders or were not paying attention when the cars were being loaded, you will need to exit with the group and circle back to the end of the line by following the arrows on the map.

WALKERS

Walking home is only permitted when the student is accompanied by an adult. The name of the student's escort must be on file with the child's teacher (see form). Teachers or staff will escort walkers to the East Exit of the school where they can be picked up by the parent. For the safety and well being of each child, please walk with your child from the pickup area. Children *cannot* walk home by themselves.

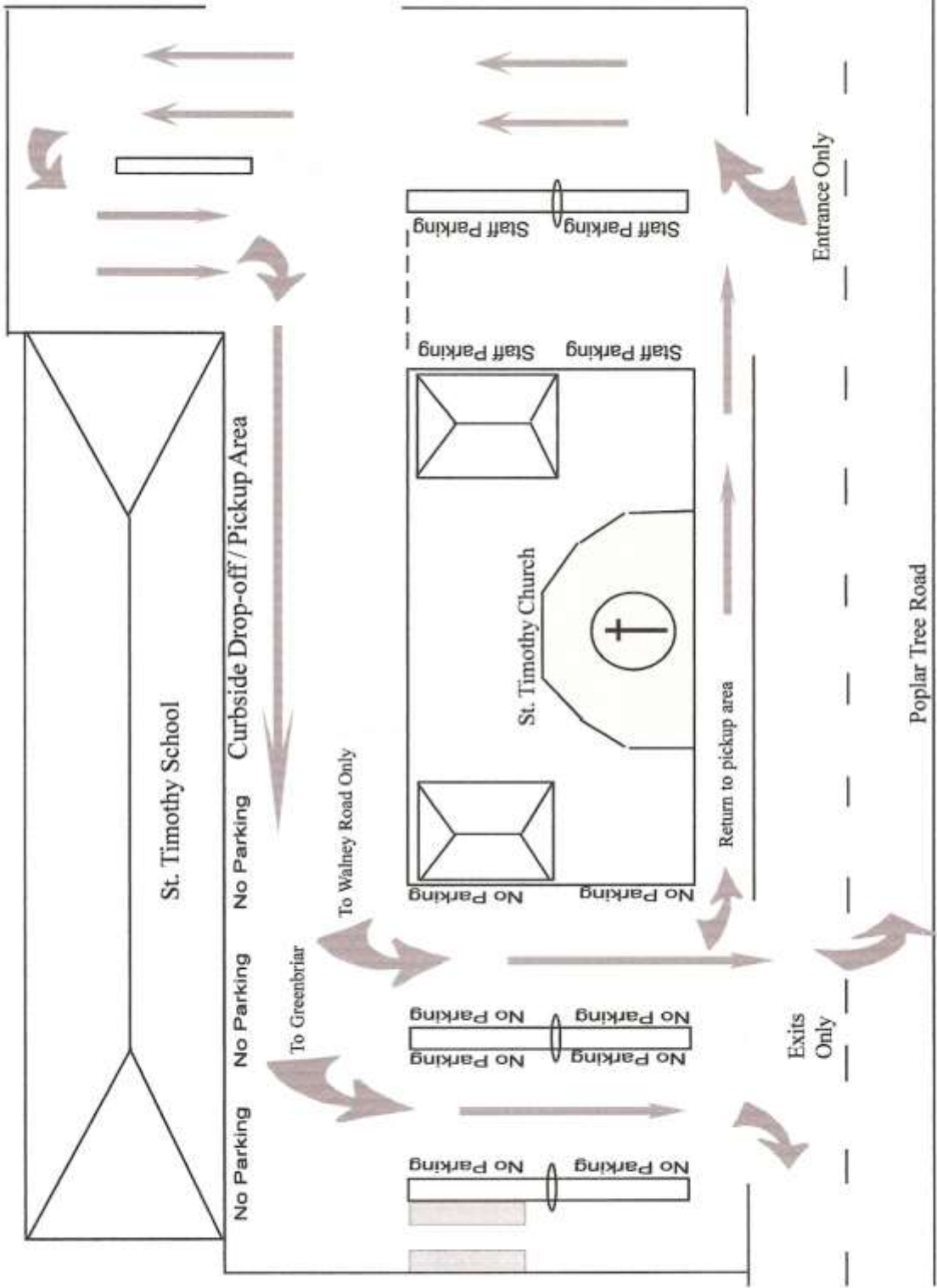
NO PARENTS INSIDE THE SCHOOL BUILDING AFTER CLASSES BEGIN

In order to eliminate disturbances during classes and to avoid un-welcomed strangers inside the school building, only staff members and hall monitors are permitted inside once classes begin. **Therefore picking up your child inside the school is NOT permitted.** In case of emergencies, please come to the CCD office first and you will be escorted inside the school.

PLEASE PICKUP YOUR CHILDREN ON TIME. IT IS NOT FAIR TO THE STAFF OR TO THE CHILDREN TO MAKE THEM WAIT.

We thank you for your cooperation, patience and courtesy. Together we will make this a safe and successful program for the children. May God bless you and your family!





**PLEASE INSURE THIS FORM IS FILLED OUT AND RETURNED TO
YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS.**

CCD DROP-OFF/PICKUP ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Student Name _____
(Please print)

Teacher Name _____ Grade _____ Rm. _____

Day: M-4:45PM; M-7:00PM; T-4:45PM; T-7:00PM; W-5:15PM
(Please circle one)

Please put a check mark next to the method which you will use to PICKUP your child/children:

Parking Lot Pickup Curbside Pickup
 Walker---Escort Name: _____

ATTENTION:

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU HAVE READ THE GUIDELINES
AND UNDERSTAND THE TRAFFIC FLOWS ON THE MAP.**

Please return the signed form to your child's teacher the next CCD class.

I have read the guidelines and understand the traffic flows on the map for the CCD drop-off and pickup. I agree to follow the directions and take full responsibility for the safety of my child.

Parent's signature _____ Date _____

Calendar of Religious Education Classes 2018-2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
September	10	11	12	January	7	8	9
	17	18	19		14	15	16
	24	25	26		28	29	30
October	1	2	3	February	4	5	6*
	15	16	17		11	12	13
	22	23	24		25	26	27
November	5	6	7	March	4	5	6
	26	27	28		11	12	13
					18	19	20
December	3	4	5		25	26	27
	10	11	12	April	1	2	3
	17	18	19		8	9	10
					15	16	17
					29	30	
				May			1
					6	7	8
					13	14	15

Holidays 2018-2019 Religious Education Classes *will not meet*

October	8, 9, 10	Columbus Day / Teacher Workday
	29, 30, 31	All Hallows Eve
November	12, 13, 14	Veterans Day
	19, 20, 21	Thanksgiving Break
December	24, 25, 26, 31	Christmas/New Year's Vacation
January	1, 2	
	21, 22, 23	Martin Luther King Jr Day
February	18, 19, 20	President's Day
April	21, 22, 23, 24	Easter Vacation

* March 6 – Ash Wednesday (Religious Education classes will meet)

Note: Due to no Religious Education classes on October 29, 30, 31 – Religious Education will *not observe* the FCPS student holidays on November 5 & 6. Thank you for your understanding.

Chapter(s)

September	Week 1	.....	1
	Week 2	.....	2
	Week 3	.....	3
October	Week 4	.....	4
	Week 5	.....	5
	Week 6	.....	6
ALL SAINTS DAY – NOVEMBER 1, 2018 – Holy Day of Obligation			
November	Week 7	.....	7
	Week 8	.....	8
	Week 9	.....	9
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – DECEMBER 8, 2018 –Holy Day of Obligation			
December	Week 10	.....	10
	Week 11	.....	11
	Week 12	.....	12
January	Week 13	.....	13
	Week 14	.....	14
	Week 15	.....	15
February	Week 16	.....	16
	Week 17	.....	17&p.113Mass
	Week 18	.....	18
ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 6, 2019			
March	Week 19	.....	19 &20
	Week 20	.....	21
	Week 21	.....	22
	Week 22	.....	23
EASTER – APRIL 21, 2019			
April	Week 23	.....	24
	Week 24	.....	25
	Week 25	.....	26
	Week 26	.....	27
May		.....	27
	Week 27	.....	28
	Week 28	.....	Special Topic (Last Day of CCD)

Note to Parents:

The teacher will introduce the chapter(s) corresponding to the dates indicated. Students will be quizzed on the previous week’s chapter(s). Students are to complete assignments from the Activity Book that correspond with the chapter(s). This work should be done at home with parent’s participation. They also are expected to learn and memorize on the following prayers and doctrine: **Sign of the Cross; Our Father; Hail Mary; Glory Be and Guardian Angel Prayer.**

		<u>Chapter(s)</u>
September	Week 1	1 (SJC 2)
	Week 2	2 (SJC 3)
	Week 3	3
October	Week 4	4 (SJC 1)
	Week 5	5 (SJC 4)
	Week 6	6 (SJC 8)
ALL SAINTS DAY – NOVEMBER 1, 2018 – Holy Day of Obligation		
November	Week 7	7 & 8
	Week 8	17 (SJC 5)
	Week 9	9 & 10 (SJC 6&7)
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – DECEMBER 8, 2018 – Holy Day of Obligation		
December	Week 10	11 & 12
	Week 11	18 (SJC 9)
	Week 12	19
January	Week 13	20
	Week 14	13 (SJC 10)
	Week 15	14 & 15
February	Week 16	16 & 21
	Week 17	22 & 23 (SJC 11)
	Week 18	24
ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 6, 2019		
March	Week 19	25 (SJC p.53-54)
	Week 20	26 (SJC p.55-58)
	Week 21	27
	Week 22	28 (SJC p.59)
EASTER – APRIL 21, 2019		
April	Week 23	29 (SJC p.60-61)
	Week 24	30 & 31
	Week 25	32
	Week 26	33
May		33
	Week 27	34
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Students should be attending Sunday Mass weekly as part of their preparation for First Holy Communion.

(SJC) - The New Saint Joseph First Communion Catechism

TEACHERS: PLEASE SAY THE “ACT OF CONTRITION” AS THE CLASS OPENING AND CLOSING PRAYERS.

* Confession is scheduled during class time unless our priests are not available.

		<u>Chapter(s)</u>
September	Week 1	1
	Week 2	2
	Week 3	3 & 4
October	Week 4	5 & 6
	Week 5	7
	Week 6	8 & 9
ALL SAINTS DAY – NOVEMBER 1, 2018 – Holy Day of Obligation		
November	Week 7	10
	Week 8	<i>*Confession</i> 11
	Week 9	12
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – DECEMBER 8, 2018 –Holy Day of Obligation		
December	Week 10	13
	Week 11	14
	Week 12	15
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		<u>Chapter(s)</u>
September	Week 1	1
	Week 2	2 & 3
	Week 3	4 & 5
October	Week 4	6 & 7
	Week 5	8
	Week 6	9
ALL SAINTS DAY – NOVEMBER 1, 2018 – Holy Day of Obligation		
November	Week 7	10
	Week 8	<i>*Confession</i> 11
	Week 9	12
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – DECEMBER 8, 2018 –Holy Day of Obligation		
December	Week 10	13
	Week 11	14
	Week 12	15
January	Week 13	16
	Week 14	17
	Week 15	18
February	Week 16	19
	Week 17	20
	Week 18	21
ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 6, 2019		
March	Week 19	22
	Week 20	23
	Week 21	24
	Week 22	25
EASTER – APRIL 21, 2019		
April	Week 23	26
	Week 24	27
	Week 25	28
	Week 26	29
May		29
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September	Week 1	1
	Week 2	2 & 3
	Week 3	4
October	Week 4	5 & 6
	Week 5	7 & 8
	Week 6	9
ALL SAINTS DAY – NOVEMBER 1, 2018 – Holy Day of Obligation		
November	Week 7	10
	Week 8	<i>*Confession</i> 11
	Week 9	12
December	Week 10	13
	Week 11	14
	Week 12	15
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – DECEMBER 8, 2017 – Holy Day of Obligation		
January	Week 13	16
	Week 14	17
	Week 15	18
February	Week 16	19
	Week 17	20
	Week 18	21
ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 6, 2019		
March	Week 19	22
	Week 20	23
	Week 21	24
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		<u>Chapter(s)</u>
September	Week 1	1
	Week 2	2
	Week 3	3 & 4
October	Week 4	5 & 6
	Week 5	7 & 8
	Week 6	9
ALL SAINTS DAY – NOVEMBER 1, 2018 – Holy Day of Obligation		
November	Week 7	10
	Week 8	<i>*Confession</i> PP.135-137
	Week 9	11 & PP.138-140
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – DECEMBER 8, 2017 –Holy Day of Obligation		
December	Week 10	12
	Week 11	13
	Week 12	14
January	Week 13	15
	Week 14	16
	Week 15	17
February	Week 16	18 & 19
	Week 17	20
	Week 18	21
ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 6, 2019		
March	Week 19	22
	Week 20	23
	Week 21	24
	Week 22	25
EASTER – APRIL 21, 2019		
April	Week 23	26
	Week 24	27
	Week 25	28
	Week 26	29
May	Week 27	29
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September	Week 1	1
	Week 2	2 & 3
	Week 3	4 & 5
October	Week 4	6 & 7
	Week 5	8 & 9
	Week 6	10 & 11
ALL SAINTS DAY – NOVEMBER 1, 2018 – Holy Day of Obligation		
November	Week 7	12
	Week 8	<i>*Confession</i> 13
	Week 9	14
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – DECEMBER 8, 2018 –Holy Day of Obligation		
December	Week 10	16
	Week 11	17
	Week 12	18
CPYC=Confirmation Preparation for Young Catholic <u>CPYC</u>		
January	Week 13	19.....pp.1-4
	Week 14	20.....pp.5-8
	Week 15	21.....pp. 9-13
February	Week 16	22.....pp.14-16
	Week 17	23.....pp.17-18
	Week 18	24.....PP.19-21
ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 6, 2019		
March	Week 19	25.....pp.22-24
	Week 20	26.....pp.25-28
	Week 21	27
	Week 22	28
EASTER – APRIL 21, 2019 - Review for Exam during the Easter Vacation		
April	Week 23	29
	Week 24	Exam Prep
	Week 25	Exam Prep
	Week 26	Confirmation Exam I
May	Week 27	30
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		<u>Chapter(s)</u>
September	Week 1	1
	Week 2	2
	Week 3	3
<u>STUDY</u> for the Final Exam		
October	Week 4	4
	Week 5	5
	Week 6	6
ALL SAINTS DAY – NOVEMBER 1, 2018 – Holy Day of Obligation		
Confirmation Retreat – Date to be announced		
November	Week 7	7
	Week 8	<i>*Confession</i> 8
	Week 9	9
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – DECEMBER 8, 2018 –Holy Day of Obligation		
December	Week 10	10
	Week 11	11
	Week 12	12
January	Week 13	13
	Week 14	14
	Week 15	15
February	Week 16	16 & 17
	Week 17	18
	Week 18	19
ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 6, 2019		
March	Week 19	Exam Prep
	Week 20	Final Confirmation Exam
	Week 21	20
	Week 22	21
EASTER – APRIL 21, 2019		
April	Week 23	22
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A Parents' Prayer

Most loving Father, through the example of parenthood, You have entrusted our children to us to bring them up for You and prepare them for everlasting life. Assist us with Your grace, that we may fulfill this sacred duty with competence and love. Teach us what to give and what to withhold. Show us when to reprove, when to praise and when to be silent. Make us gentle and considerate, yet firm and watchful. Keep us from the weakness of indulgence and the excess of severity. Give us the courage to be disliked sometimes by our children, when we must do necessary things which are displeasing in their eyes. Give us the imagination to enter their world in order to understand and guide them. Grant us all the virtues we need to lead them by word and example in the ways of wisdom and piety. One day, with them, may we enter into the joys of our true and lasting home with You in Heaven.

Amen!

