

OUR LADY OF THE EUCHARIST PARISH COMMUNITY

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As so many of the commercials on TV are pointing out to us, it is time to begin planning for the beginning of the new school year. And so, that alerts us to the fact that we must also begin preparations for the beginning of the Religious Education program in our parish.

With the information we have on file in our parish office, we have devised the form(s) included in this mailing. **We ask that you update the form(s) and make all necessary changes/corrections.** This will take the place of registration for your children who have been previously involved with the Religious Education program. New students to the program will need to fill out a registration form, which can be found at the back of the church.

Please return the enclosed registration forms no later than August 22, 2019. **Please update any of the information presently on your child's form.** You may drop them in the collection basket or bring/mail them to the parish office. The forms are needed in order for us to be able to order textbooks and supplies.

Our classes will follow the Pittston Area School District calendar. When a holiday falls on a Friday or Monday and schools are closed, our Religious Education classes will not be held. For your convenience, we have included a Religious Education class calendar for the 2019-2020 school year.

We ask a fee of \$25.00 for the first child, \$15.00 for the second child, \$10.00 for the third child with no more than \$50.00 per family. You can include the fee with the forms or bring it to the Religious Education office the first weekend of classes.

The registration fees cover some of the costs of books and supplies. **Although these fees are normally required, money should not be a hindrance for the religious education of your child. If the fee proves to be a burden to your family, please contact either one of us to discuss the matter.**

If your child is seeking admission into the Sacramental Preparation Program for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, you should note the following guidelines. The usual grade level for these sacraments is grade two. To be admitted to this program, a child must have already completed one year of religious formation, either in a Religious Education Program, or in Religion class in a Catholic school. The additional fee for this Sacramental Preparation Program is \$25.00 per student.

Religious Education Classes for students in grades 1 through 7 will begin on Sunday, September 8, 2019. **Classes will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.** We would also like to have a meeting for the parents of children enrolled in our Religious Education program on **Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 9:45 a.m. in the Church.** It is hoped that at least one parent/guardian will be present for the meeting.

May the remaining weeks of summer be blessed for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Sister Mary Ann Cody, IHM
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Enclosures