

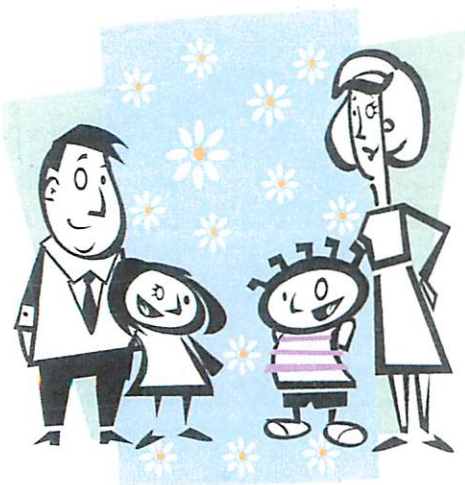


It's time !  
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GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME  
AND  
ALL THE TIME GOD IS GOOD

Our Religion Classes are starting !



Opening Mass for the  
2012 - 2013 school year  
**SEPTEMBER 16**  
9 am

And classes in RELEd  
And Sacramental Preparation  
Will follow at the  
Summer St School  
10:15 - 11:30

617-387-7009

BE THERE



Father Jerry Osterman.....617-389-5660  
Pastor

Mrs. Fran Foley.....617-387-7009 ext 27  
Religious Education  
Grades 1 and 2  
Sacramental Preparation

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Grades 3,4,5

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Pastoral Associate



## **CHILD ABUSE, NEGLECT, and CHILD SAFETY**

As now ordered by Massachusetts State Law, employees/volunteers of Immaculate Conception Parish are 'mandated reporters for child abuse and/or neglect'. If a child makes a statement about abuse or neglect, or shows visible signs of abuse or neglect, the Pastoral Associate after consultation with the Pastor, will call the local office of the Department of Children and Families.

The phone call will be followed up by a written report to the same office of the Department of Children and Families.

Also if a Faith Leader reports to the Pastor or Pastoral Associate knowledge of abuse or neglect in regard to a student, the same will be responsible for contacting the Department of Children and Families, by phone and written report.

**The Office of Child Advocacy, Archdiocese of Boston, has mandated a personal safety program be offered to the children of the Parish. *Talking about Touching, and Keeping Children Safe* teach children skill that will keep them safe from dangerous or abusive situations. The program is divided into three sections; Personal Safety; Touching Safety; and Assertiveness and Support.**

**This program will be presented after the first of the year. Letters will be mailed out advising parents and children of the date.**

**Parents/Guardians may opt out of the program and can do so by signing an agreement that they have done so.**

All persons working with the children ( Teachers, aides, assistants), aged 17 ½ and older must fill out a CORI form.

These same persons working with children must attend the **Protecting God's Children** class.

## **SCHEDULE**

Attached is the CLASS SCHEDULE for the year 2012 - 2013. Please note the dates for class during weekend holidays and school vacations.

ALSO NOTE the extended winter break.

This calendar may be updated throughout the year.

## **EXTRA EVENTS**

During the year, several Parish events and RELEd events are planned. Parent volunteers and family participation is encouraged to help plan and carry out events.

## **BEHAVIOR AND DISCIPLINE**

It is very important that your child understands that the time spent in Religion Class is a learning time. Appropriate behavior must be followed. Indoor voices must be used once class begins. All cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off.

If a child uses a cell phone or electronic device during class time, they will be reprimanded once. A second offense will result with the device being taken away until the end of class. A phone number for the Program Coordinators is provided should an emergency message need to be sent to your child.

1. If a child disrupts the class after a warning from the Teacher, the child will be given a 'time-out'.
2. After 2 (two) 'time-outs' the Program Coordinator will communicate with the parents for assistance in mediating the problem.
3. If a child continues to be a disruption, a meeting with the parents, Program Coordinator and either the Pastor or Pastoral Associate will be arranged.

**The Religion Programs will not tolerate "bullying" in any form.**

## **EMERGENCY CARDS**

Please fill out the 2 copies. They are used for immediate emergency phone numbers access and medical attention.

**\*\*\*\*\*If your child has a learning or special needs disability, please inform your Child's Teacher, the program Coordinator and list it on your child's emergency card. It is our responsibility to share God's Word with all of our children and accomodations are not a problem.**

## **DISMISSALS**

Should a child need to be dismissed early, the parent, guardian or person picking the child up, must come into the school or Hall. No child will be allowed to leave by him/herself before class dismissal.

## **SUNDAY MASS**

Attendance at Mass weekly is an integral part of your child's religious education. The 9am Sunday Mass is geared to the family. Families are encouraged to sit up front in order that your child can see and be able to participate.

**THE FIRST SUNDAY of the MONTH is the CHILDREN'S MASS.** Children can sit up around the altar. Children in grades 3 - 5, will be asked to be Greeters, Lectors and Gift Bearers.

## **SACRAMENTS**

ALL children enrolled in the Program must have a copy of their Baptismal record on file. The Parish has the records from St. Joseph and St. Therese along with Immaculate Conception.

Twice a year the children in Grade 3 - 5 will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Usually during Advent and again during Lent. Parents are also invited to receive the sacrament.

Candidates for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will receive calendars with the important dates for each sacrament and other important information regarding each sacrament.

First Eucharist is received the first three Sundays in May. Parents may select their child's date until the end of January. If no date is chosen by then, a Sunday will be assigned to your child. Please consult Mrs. Foley with any questions.

## CLASS TIMES

**Sunday: Grade 1 - 5 10:15am - 11:30am.**

Grade 1 and 2 meet in the Parish Hall. The Parish Hall is located behind the school and is entered through the parking lot on Argyle St.

Grades 3,4,&5 will enter through the Summer Street (front) door, and will be dismissed at the back door, the parking lot.

**For the safety of all the children, cars in the parking lot will remain stationary until all children are dismissed and safely in vehicles..... abuse of this policy will result in closing the lot as a pick-up location.**

**Please be conscientious about picking up your child/ren at dismissal time**  
***\*\* it is important that we have a cell phone number to contact you .***

## ATTENDANCE

It is important that children attend class each week.

There are less than 25 classes in our school year. If your child will be absent, please call the office in order that the absence is marked 'excused', instead of skipped. If your child will be absent for an extended time period, please call the office to coordinate to get the weekly lessons.

For Grades 1 and 2, the lessons to be covered are listed on the calendar, should your child be absent, we encourage parents to review the lessons at home with their child. This is especially critical with the Sacramental grade.

**\*\*\*\*-please pay attention to the school calendar as classes have been rearranged around school vacations and there is a winter break.**

## CLASS CANCELLATIONS

If inclement weather arises and it is felt to be a hazard for children to attend class:

1. A message will be left on the Religious Education phone: 617-387-7009
2. Television stations will post the cancellation of classes.
3. Class cancellations will be posted on the Parish website (under construction)

## **WELCOME !!**

The Religion and Faith Formation Program at the Immaculate Conception Parish starts in Grade 1 through Grade 11. It is a comprehensive Program , each year building on the previous year. The hope is that once enrolled in the Religion Program, the child/ren will continue their Faith Formation through the 11<sup>th</sup> Grade when they will receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**to TEACH  
to LEARN  
to LOVE**

Classes for Grades 1 through 5 are held on Sunday Mornings at the school on Summer Street.

Grades 1,2,4,5 will be using the *We Believe\* Parish Edition text books,*  
*published by Sadlier, Inc*

Grade 1: God Loves Us  
Grade 2: Jesus Shares God's Life  
Grade 4: God's Law Guides Us  
Grade 5: We Meet Jesus in the Sacraments

Grade 3 will be using *What the Church Believes and Teaches, Good News edition\**  
*published by Pflaum Gospel Weeklies*

\* The Texts are judged to be in conformity with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* by the Subcommittee on the Catechism of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Grades 1 and 2 have a weekly lesson schedule. It is intended that should a child be absent from class, they will be able to complete that week's lessons at home. Each child will receive a copy.

In Grades 3,4,5, the lesson of the week will be emailed home.

Students will use books and handouts. The materials are taken from various Religious Education books from various publishers, online Catholic and Christian sites, and of course the Bible. It is with this intent that the Program takes the best or most important from each source to give your child a well-rounded and informed education.



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GRADE 1 - 5  
*Student Handbook*

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