

## PARISH STAFF

Msgr. Charles P. Vance	Pastor
Mrs. Jean Martin	Director of Liturgy
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Ms. Jeanette Paul	Director of Religious Education

## VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS

Kindergarten	Mary Elizabeth Entwistle	610-238-0337	Room 21
Grade 1	Sister Maureen James	610-828-2866	Room 2
	Mrs. Fran Mattei	610-832-2532	Room 21
	Mrs. Maria Lauria	610-397-0392	Room 22
	Mrs. Marion Bonnevie	215-233-5179	Room 1
Grade 2	Mrs. Marielle Entwistle	610-238-0337	Room 3
	Mrs. Michele Clancy	610-834-9616	Room 5
	Mrs. Michaelle Khatchadourian	610-825-9183	Room 5
	Mrs. Rachel Kamieniecki	610-828-0516	Room 4
	Mrs. Kate DiGiacomo	610-941-3343	Room 4
Grade 3	Mrs. Kathy Marine	610-828-9583	Room 11
	Mrs. Barbara Ronan	610-828-3711	Room 12
	Mrs. Christine Sullivan	610-832-9992	Room 13
	Mrs. Jeannette Scanlon	610-275-1092	Math Rm.
Grade 4	Mrs. Georgeann Foster	610-825-5090	Room 7
	Mrs. Margie Sciarrone	610-313-2323	Room 8
	Mr. Tom Kolsun	215-990-2212	Room 18
Grade 5	Mrs. Cindy Perecko	484-351-8478	Room 15
	Mrs. Kerri Hanlon	610-260-9319	Room 17
	Mrs. Joan Peel	610-825-6614	Room 16
Grade 6	Mrs. Anne Sulock	610-828-2505	Room 19
	Mrs. Linda Falcione	610-828-8779	Room 20

**Religious Education Office                    610-834-9868**

**Saint Philip Neri School Office.            610-828-3082**

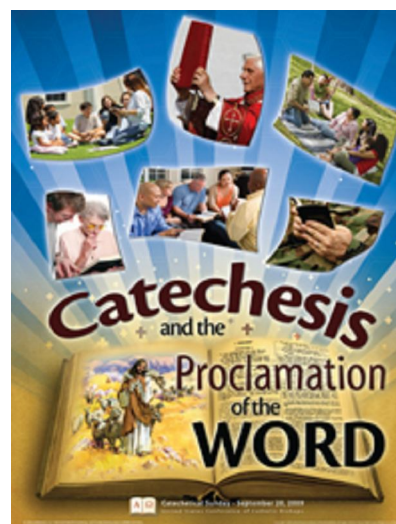
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**Please do not e-mail on Tuesdays if it is to report an absence for that day.**

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## Saint Philip Neri Catechesis and the Proclamation of the Word



**Religious Education Program**

**Handbook 2009-2010**

.MISSED ASSIGNMENTS: Homework will be given to the family by note or phone by the Catechist or aide. (Please contact the Catechist if you have any questions.)

- Each Catechist will communicate his or her own method or how they will deal with this matter in a specific way.
- For consistent incomplete assignments (three or more) a discussion with the family will be necessary to develop a plan for completing the assignment.

LATENESS: Bring your child directly to the Office. State the reason for being late. Your child will be brought to the classroom by one of our administrative assistants.

ILLNESS: Make sure you have given us at least one emergency number to call. Also make sure you have informed us of any medications your child may be allergic to. Are there any snacks your child may be allergic to? Remind your child not to take anything he or she may be allergic to and we will also be mindful of the fact .

ACCIDENT OR MISHAP: No child may touch another child in the event of an injury. He or she may go to the Yard Monitor or Catechist to inform them of what has happened. Remind the children about this. You will be notified if anything serious occurs.

EMERGENCY CLOSING. Since KYW has a public service that is available to us, it will now be your responsibility to access that information. If you are unable to do any of the opportunities available below, please contact me. Our KYW number for emergency closing is 1137.

- ❖ Scrolled on the screen of TV stations CBS3 and CW Philly 57
- ❖ On KYW Newsradio School Closing Phone line at 215-925-1060
- ❖ You can receive a call with school closing information if you sign up for the KYW Storm Center Phone alerts at kyw1060.com. For more information, click on the KYW School Closing link on the webpage.
- ❖ You can receive a Text Alert to cell phones and PDAs. Sign up at KYW1060.com and click on the KYW School Closings link for details.

I try to post a cancellation as soon as I make a decision the night before based on the information that is being broadcasted, but this would also apply to unpredicted weather related emergencies as well as unplanned possibilities like no heat or electricity. In any event, your child should always know what to do in case of an emergency closing should it happen on a Tuesday **during school**.

Dear Families:

Welcome back! The people of Saint Philip Neri Parish guided by the beliefs and teachings of the Catholic Church, and trusting in the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, commit ourselves to the service of the Kingdom of God. Through Baptism we become children of God; in Confirmation we receive the Holy Spirit who continuously guides us; through the Sacrament of Reconciliation our sins are forgiven; and, in Holy Communion we receive Jesus, the Light of the World, who transforms each of us into a new and holier person. In union with our Holy Father, the Pope, we wish to build up the Kingdom of God.

TO TEACH AS JESUS DID, we wish to draw on a deeper knowledge of his presence in our lives by:

RENEWING OUR LIVES through prayer, retreat, reception of the Sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist. We commit ourselves to be continually educated; opening ourselves to the teachings of the Church, and to passing on what we have learned.

LIVING PRAYERFULLY. We can, through his presence in us, draw the children and the families entrusted to us to our God.

WE DESIRE TO CREATE AND NOURISH CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY by the compassion and respect with which we deal with the parents and their children, and with each other. In implementing the charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, we will provide education and training for children, youth, parents, educators, and others about ways to make and maintain a “safe environment” for children. Standards of conduct for people in positions of trust with regard to sexual abuse will be made clear.

WE DESIRE TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS BY SHARING THE INFORMATION of who God is in our lives and how he affects all of our lives.

WE DESIRE TO PROMOTE A RELATIONSHIP between those who are in the REP program and the senior citizens of our parish.

WE ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO PARTICIPATE by becoming altar servers or by bringing the bread and wine up in the Presentation of the Gifts, during the Liturgy.

We pray that our parish may become for all a center of spiritual development, a place of prayerful peace and meaningful community worship.

### CLASS TIMES

Grades 1 to 6	Tuesdays	4:00-5:30
Kindergarten	Sundays	10:00-10:50

OUR MESSAGE: It is our sincere hope that the time spent each week in the Religion Room will be a happy learning time for your child. We hope not only to enlighten your child's mind, but to win the heart of each one so that he or she may come to know the great love that God has for them, that they may feel the desire to know, love and serve God in his Church.

### FAMILY GATHERINGS 2009-2010

FAMILY NIGHT	Tuesday
Program	September 14, 2009 7:15 PM School Hall

We hope to make use of this occasion to enrich your faith life and help you in your role as the first educator of your children. It is also an opportunity to get to know your child's catechist. All children and families are expected to attend.

CLOSING LITURGY      May 4, 2010

### MASS ATTENDANCE

Liturgy is the summit and source of our faith life in all we do. Please be faithful in attending Mass and inspire in your family the importance of your role as the celebrating assembly.

### DISCIPLINE POLICY

Our Discipline Policy is based on respect and reverence for all life. During the time at REP including riding on the bus:

- Anyone who is disruptive and has been corrected two times during a class will have his or her name written down on a concern slip (kept on file). You will be notified when this occurs.
- After two slips, within a six week period, the Coordinator will meet with you to discuss whether the child should be placed in a one-to-one situation or an alternate method of instruction.
- There will be suspension from class for continued disrespect or disruption of class.
- Children must respect the property of others, and follow the instruction of the Catechists and Yard Monitors.
- The parish grounds and building are the property of everyone and must be used with respect.
- Supervised play will be provided before class, children are to be inside the area blocked off by the orange cones.
- When the bell rings, the children are to stand in line and wait for the Catechist or aide to bring them to the classroom
- No child may enter the building without an adult.
- WALKING QUIETLY is required in the hallways.
- Lavatories may be used properly.

### **BAD WEATHER DAYS**

The children will go to an assigned spot inside. The catechist or aide will bring them to class when it is time to begin.

### **REFRESHMENTS**

Water and a pretzel will be provided for the children for a period of ten minutes during class. The cost is \$10 per child for the year.

### **DISMISSAL**

- Children of all grades will be dismissed from the building.
- We hope to keep the children safe while waiting, and to avoid your frustration of looking for the children.
- Please be prompt

Doors are locked *during class*. Please enter by Main Entrance door.

### **WHAT TO DO IN THE CASE OF:**

ABSENTEES: **Before 3 PM** call Ms. Jeanette Paul at 610-834-9868 or leave a message on the answering machine.

**After 3 PM** Call 610-828-3082.

- Good attendance is necessary for a sequential learning experience. We are concerned about this and ask you to **keep absenteeism to a minimum**. More than three absences is cause for concern and we will work with you to develop a plan for catching up

FIRST CLASS	Grades 2-6	September 22, 2009
	Grade 1	September 29, 2009
	Kindergarten	October 4, 2009 (Sunday Program)

### **FAMILY MASSES**

Grade 8	October 4, 2009	10:00 AM
Grade 7	February 7, 2010	10:00 AM
Grade 6	January 10, 2010	10:00 AM/11:30 AM
Grade 5	October 18, 2009	10:00 AM
Grade 4	January 24, 2010	10:00 AM
Grade 3	November 15, 2009	10:00 AM
Grade 2	December 13, 2009	10:00 AM/11:30 AM
Grade 1	April 18, 2010	10:00 AM
Kindergarten	February 21, 2010	10:00 AM
Pre-K	May 16, 2010	10:00 AM

We look forward to our local and global missionary service projects as we collect Peanut Butter and Jelly in October, food for the poor of Montgomery County area at Thanksgiving, Infant Formula in December and our sacrifices for the children of the world, which takes place especially during Lent.

### **FIRST PENANCE**

FIRST PENANCE RETREAT (GRADE 2) Parents and children

Saturday, November 7, 2009 in School Hall 9:30 - 11:30 AM

FIRST PENANCE PARENT MEETING

Monday, January 11, 2010 in Church 7:30 PM

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES MASS for SPN Room 3 and REP Room 3

Sunday, December 13, 2009 10:00 AM Mass

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES MASS for SPN Room 5 and REP Rms. 4&5

Sunday, December 13, 2009 11:30 AM Mass

FIRST PENANCE

Monday, February 1, 2010 in Church 7:30 PM

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

Monday, February 22, 2010 in church 7:30 PM

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT (GRADE 2) Parents and children

Saturday, February 27, 2010 in Library area 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
Saturday, May 1, 2010

10:00 AM Mass

## **CONFIRMATION**

### **CONFIRMATION NIGHT FOR PARENTS AND CANDIDATES**

October 19, 2009 7:30-8:30 PM in Church (Materials distributed and program explained)

### **PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES MASS 10:00 AM**

January 10, 2010 SPN Grade 6 Room 19 AND REP Room 19

### **PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES MASS 11:30 AM**

January 10, 2010 SPN Grade 6 Room 20 AND REP Room 20

### **CONFIRMATION PARENT NIGHT**

January 25, 2010 in Church 7:30 PM

### **CONFIRMATION RETREAT – January 30, 2010 8:30-12:30 SPN Room 19 REP Room 19**

February 7, 2010 8:30-12:30 SPN Room 20  
REP Room 20

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – TBA 4:00 PM**

### **REHEARSALS – CANDIDATES ONLY - TBA 12:45-2:45 in Church**

### **SPONSOR & CANDIDATE -TBA in Church 7:30 PM**



## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHILDREN**

1. Bring text to school each week.
2. *Review chapter* each week.
3. Tell what they remember from class (to your parents).
4. Memorize the *We Remember* and *Words to Know* for each chapter.
5. Practice any prayers the Catechist may assign.
6. Return homework page signed by family member or guardian.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF FAMILIES**

1. Listen to children as they memorize and explain the above-mentioned work.
2. Complete the review page at the end of each chapter taught.
3. Sign the *Review* page each week
4. Share your thoughts with your child as to the content of the work (i.e., how you experience God helping you in your life).
5. Attend Mass with your children each week.
6. Pray together as a family.
7. Contact the Catechist or Director if you have any concerns or questions.

## **SAFE TOUCH LESSONS**

One time during the year. If you do not wish your child to be present during this lesson, please notify Jeanette Paul.

## **EVALUATION**

Although faith development cannot be measured numerically, effort must be made to note progress, participation, cooperation and conduct that we experience with each child. Each Catechist will communicate to you his or her method of evaluation.

## **PROGRESS REPORTS**

You will also receive a report card as to how your child is doing during the year. Please call us if you have any concerns or questions. We appreciate your keeping in touch with us.

### **Dates to be issued:**

January, 2010

May, 2010

