

“Whoever
welcomes
one of these
little children
in my name
welcomes me...”

Mark 9:37

2011/2012 *Calendar*

St Joseph *Religious Education*

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Carew Hall is located in the lower level of the Church.
The *Auditorium* is located in the two story school building.

Please keep this calendar near your school calendar. Public schools may be closed for certain holidays but **Religious Ed classes *may* still be in session.**

Please check your child's folder after each session for handouts.

Please read the Sunday bulletin for updates, special notices and changes to our calendar.

In case of inclement weather, please tune in to News 12 Long Island, Fios 1, WBLI 106.1 or WALK 97.5 for information on closings. A link to WALK 97.5 weather closings can be found on our web page reled.stjoronk.org. Please note that if Sachem School District and/or St Joseph's Elementary School are closed, we are also closed. Our office answering machine will have current information on it. We ask that you use your own discretion in traveling.

St. Joseph Sunday School

Faith formation begins in the family and we are offering to assist you with our “Sunday School” program. We meet on Sunday mornings during the 10:30 Mass in Fr. Carew Hall (elevator and staircase accessible from the church lobby and the Church entrance off the school yard).

Our coordinator, Maureen Ennis, and a group of volunteers provide faith based activities for 3, 4, and 5 year olds while their parents attend Mass.

Just before Christmas families and friends are invited to a “show”. We also have opportunities for children to showcase their “arts and crafts” talent. There is a Lenten Craft Fair every year where parents and children gather for refreshments and making of various crafts. The schedule is as follows.

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
November 6, 13, 20
December 4, 11, 18
January 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
February 5, 12, 19
March 4, 11, 18, 25



Sunday School

Level One

This is the first year of a two year preparation process for First Reconciliation (confession) and First Eucharist (communion). This year is a combination of at home study between parent and child, community activities and prayers services.

Attendance is taken at all activities and prayer services. The prayer services take place in the Church, the activities in the Upper school building.

On March 17th and 24th we will have “recital of prayers”. The details are in a separate correspondence. Level I books are also collected at this time.

These requirements must be met to continue on to Level 2.

Level Two

This is the second half of our two year preparation for receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Through the use of textbook, videos and prayer services, the children continue to learn about forgiveness and making good choices. They are taught about the gift of the Eucharist as well as the other parts of the Mass.



Sacrament Readiness I & II

This program is designed for the children who have not yet received any formal religious instruction and have passed the age of seven. This is a two year program that will prepare the children to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

During the second year the children will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation mid-year and First Eucharist during the Easter season.

They will be placed in a class with their peers and continue their formal religious education .

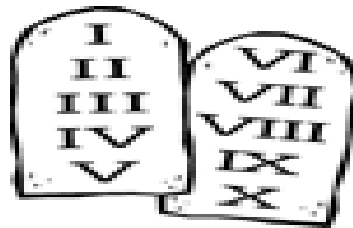
Level Three

At this level, the children will be taught about the Church. Level 3 children will be given a church tour and participate in the living rosary. Level 3 children will also have an opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.



Level Five

Our curriculum for Level Five concentrates on the sacraments of the Church. We will learn how the Church continues the work of Jesus in the celebration of the sacraments. The children will continue to learn about living sacramental lives by welcoming, forgiving and serving others. The students will also participate in the living rosary, and have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.



Level Four

At this level we continue to explore what it means to live as a follower of Jesus within the Catholic church. The Beatitudes and the 10 Commandments are taught on this level. The opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation and participate in the living rosary are also a part of this level.



Level Six

The students will become more familiar with using the Bible. We will study Biblical history and learn to understand the relationship between God and the people of the Old Testament. The students will have the opportunity to visit Temple Beth Chai in Hauppauge, where the Rabbi will speak to them about the Jewish faith, people, and way of life. Toward the close of classes the students will participate in an adaptation of the “Seder meal”. Level 6 also participates in the living rosary. Level 6 students will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Level Seven

The students at this level will be preparing for Confirmation. We will use the Sunday readings to grow in knowledge and understanding of who Jesus is. They will continue to be taught about making good decisions. Each student will prepare a report on a saint. Enrollment for confirmation will take place in March. Confirmation interviews will take place on May 29th and 31st.

Level 7 will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.



Level Eight Confirmation

During three sessions the students in this level will continue to learn about the sacraments of initiation. They will continue to learn ways to put their faith into service and action. And we will continue in helping them in the decision making process. Our students will have the experience of a retreat day and the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Special Ed (Levels 2 through 7)

Our program strives to accommodate all children. We adapt our materials and strategies to meet the needs of each child. We also make use of “hands-on” materials and vary the activities for enhanced learning. These classes are limited to six students per class. The students will also participate in the living rosary and have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Sacraments for Teens I & II

This two year program is for those students who have not yet receive any formal religious instructions, and have reached their teenage years. They will be prepared to receive the Sacraments of Initiation and the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Volunteers

Here at St. Joseph's we welcome volunteers. Dedicated volunteers like yourselves are the backbone of our Religious Education program. Some of the opportunities are:

Catechists These are the men and women of our parish which give of their time to share their faith with our children. We are always in need of new catechists. Training is an ongoing process for all who are interested.

Substitutes There are times when our catechists are unable to come to class, and, therefore, we are in need of a substitute. Manuals and lesson plans will be available for you. If you would like to be put on our substitute list, please let us know.

Hall Monitors Monitoring is necessary to assure the safety of our children. So many of you have volunteered in the past and it has been a great help to us. We need assistance in both school buildings during the times that our classes are in session.

Level 1 Volunteers are always needed on the Mondays when the Level 1 activity is scheduled. The dates and times are listed in this calendar. This is always a happy and fun activity in which to participate in.

Office Several times during the year we have bulk mailings. We need assistance collating, folding and stuffing envelopes. This work is done during the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

If you are able to assist with any of the above, please call the Religious Ed Office at 981-1805.


We are looking forward to hearing from you.



September 2011


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
	5 Closed Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10 Virtus Training 1PM Carew Hall
11	12	13 Confirmation Prep 7-8:15 PM Carew Hall	14 Confirmation Prep 7-8:15 PM Carew Hall	15 Confirmation Prep 7-8:15 PM Carew Hall	16	17 Catechist Workshop 10-12 Carew Hall
18 Catechetical Sunday– Do This In Memory of Me	19 Catechist Workshop 7-8:30 PM Carew Hall	20 Confirmation Prep 7-8:15 PM Carew Hall	21 Confirmation Prep 7-8:15 PM Carew Hall	22 Confirmation Prep 7-8:15 PM Carew Hall	23	24
25	26 Level 1 Parent/ Child Prayer Service 7:15 in Church	27 Confirmation Prep 7-8:15 PM Carew Hall	28 Confirmation Prep 7-8:15 PM Carew Hall	29 Confirmation Prep 7-8:15 PM Carew Hall	30	

October 2011


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Sunday School	3 Level 1 Table Monitor Mtg Carew Hall 7PM	4 Classes Begin 4:15-8:15	5 Classes Begin 4:15- 6:45 Table Monitor Mtg 10:30 Carew Hall	6 Classes Begin 4:30-5:30	7	8 Confirmation Retreat 10am-3pm Carew Hall
9 Sunday School	10 Closed Confirmation Retreat 10am-3pm Carew Hall	11 Classes Level 7 lesson on Mass 7:15 Church	12 Classes	13 Classes	14	15 Confirmation Retreat 10am-3pm Carew Hall
16 Sunday School	17	18 Classes	19 Classes	20 Classes	21	22
23 Sunday School	24 Level 1 Activity 4:30 or 6:30 Auditorium	25 Classes	26 Classes	27 Classes Confirmation rehearsal 7pm Church for 10am ceremony	28	29 
30 Sunday School	31					

Living Rosary All Classes


November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 No Classes All Saints Day	2 Classes	3 Classes Confirmation rehearsal 7pm Church 1:30 Ceremony	4	5 Instruction on the New Missal 1-3 PM Church
6 Sunday School	7 Confirmation 10:00 & 1:30	8 Classes	9 Classes	10 Classes	11 <i>Closed</i> <i>Veteran's Day</i>	12 Christmas Pictures 9:30-3:30 Carew Hall
13 Sunday School	14 Level 3 Reconciliation 7:15 Church	15 Classes	16 Classes Level 2 Parent Meeting 7:30PM Carew Hall	17 Classes Level 2 Parent Meeting 10am Carew Hall	18	19
20 Sunday School	21 Level 1 Activity 4:30 or 6:30 Auditorium	22 No Classes	23 No Classes	24 <i>Closed</i> <i>Thanksgiving</i>	25	26 <i>Backwards Drawing</i> 7-12PM
27 No Sunday School	28	29 Classes	30 Classes			

December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Classes	2	3 Breakfast with St Nick 9am Carew Hall
4 Sunday School <i>Lessons & Carols</i> 3PM	5 Level 4 Reconciliation 7:15 Church	6 Classes	7 No Classes <i>Immaculate Conception</i>	8 No Classes <i>Immaculate Conception</i>	9	10
11 Sunday School	12 Level 1 Parent/Child Prayer Service 7:15 Church	13 Classes	14 Classes	15 Classes	16	17 Level 2 Advent Prayer Service 12 Noon Church Level 1 return ornaments 5pm Mass
18 Sunday School Level 1 return Ornaments 10:30 Mass	19	20 Classes St. Nicholas Video All Levels Auditorium	21 Classes	22 Classes	23	24 
25 No Sunday School <i>Merry Christmas !</i>	26	27 Closed	28 Christmas	29 Break	30	


January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday School	2 Closed	3 Classes	4 No Classes Conference	5 No Classes Conference	6 Conference	7 Conference
8 Sunday School	9 Level 5 Reconciliation 7:15 Church	10 Classes Level 2 Video– Reconciliation - Parents Invited– Auditorium	11 Classes	12 Classes	13	14
15 Sunday School	16 Closed	17 Classes	18 Classes	19 Classes	20	21 Level 2 Reconciliation 10:30-12 Church
22 Sunday School	23 Level 1 Activity 4:30 or 6:30 Auditorium	24 Classes	25 Classes	26 Classes	27	28 Level 2 Reconciliation 10:30-12 Church
29 Sunday School	30 Level 6 Temple Visit 4:15	31 Classes				
						


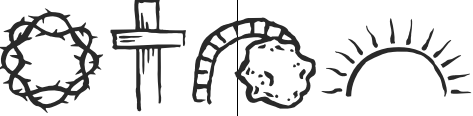
February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Classes	2 Classes	3	4
5 Sunday School	6 Level 6 Reconciliation 7:15pm Church	7 Classes	8 Classes Catechist Workshop Auditorium 7:30PM	9 Classes	10	11
12 Sunday School	13	14 Classes	15 Classes Level 2 Parent Meeting 7:30pm Carew Hall	16 Classes Level 2 Parent Meeting 10am Carew Hall	17	18
19 Sunday School	20	21	22 Ash Wednesday	23	24	25
26 No Sunday School	27 Level 1 Activity 4:30 or 6:30 Auditorium	28 Classes	29 Classes			


March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Classes	2 WORLD Day OF PRAYER	3
4 Sunday School	5 Level 7 Reconciliation 7:15 Church	6 Classes	7 Classes	8 Classes	9	10
11 Sunday School Religious Ed Mass 10:30	12 Level 1 Activity 4:30 or 6:30 Auditorium	13 Classes	14 Classes	15 Classes	16	17 Level 1 Recital of Prayers 10:30-12 Carew Hall Return Books
18 Sunday School	19	20 Classes	21 Classes	22 Classes Level 7 Parent Meeting 7:30 Carew Hall for Confirmation	23	24 Level 1 Recital of Prayers 10:30-12 Carew Hall- Return Books Level 7 10am Parent Meeting in Church
25 Last Day Sunday School	26	27 Classes Level 2 Eucharist Video - Parents Invited Auditorium	28 Classes	29 Classes	30	31 Level 2 Activity Carew Hall 10 am-12noon

April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Palm Sunday	2	3	4	5 Holy Thursday 	6 Good Friday 	7 Holy Saturday
8 <i>Easter</i>	9 Easter Break	10	11	12	13	14
15 Divine Mercy Sunday	16	17	18 Communion Rehearsal 4:30 For 10:30 Mass on April 21st	19 Communion Rehearsal 4:30 For 1pm Mass on April 21st	20	21 1st Communion 10:30 am & 1pm
22	23	24	25 Communion Rehearsal 4:30 For 10:30 Mass on April 28th	26 Communion Rehearsal 4:30 For 1pm Mass on April 28th	27	28 1st Communion 10:30 am & 1pm
29	30					

May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Communion Rehearsal 4:30 For 10:30 Mass on May 5th	3 Communion Rehearsal 4:30 For 1pm Mass on May 5th	4	5 1st Communion 10:30 am & 1 pm
6	7	8	9 Catechist Meeting 7PM Carew Hall	10	11	12
13 May Crowning 12PM	14	15	16	17 Ascension Thursday	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	
27 Pentecost Sunday	28	29 Confirmation Interviews 7-9pm Carew Hall	30	31 Confirmation Interviews 7-9pm Carew Hall		

Religious Education Policies

1. Students should be participating in Sunday Liturgy at St. Joseph's Parish on a regular basis.
2. For reasons of safety all students should be escorted to their classrooms and picked up from their classrooms, unless prior arrangements have been made through the office.
3. No child is permitted into a classroom unless a catechist is present in the room.
4. In case of prolonged illness, please notify the Religious Ed office.
5. Please make every effort for children to arrive on time and remain until the end of class.
6. Our catechists are volunteers. Any disruptive student will be reminded of proper behavior and if the improper behavior continues will be sent to the office and the parents will be called.
7. The child's name, class time and room number should be written on the inside cover of the book. If a child loses his/her textbook, a second one must be purchased from the Religious Ed office.
8. Please keep this **calendar** in an accessible place. From time to time there are changes in our calendar. Your child will be sent home with a notice stating the new information. We ask that you check with your child after each class concerning notices. All classes and activities are in this calendar. Please read the Church bulletin for announcements. You may also check our web site **www.stjoronk.org**.
9. Please notify us immediately if there is any change of address or phone number for your child.