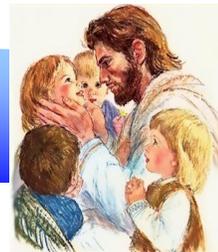


ST. PATRICK PARISH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Thank you for your interest in St. Patrick's Religious Education Programs.

Recognizing that it is through the parents/guardians that a child's faith, spirituality and commitment to faith is formed, the role of St. Patrick's Religious Education Program is designed to enhance the foundation that you as parents/guardians are already giving to your children.

Religious Education is the presentation of the doctrine and tradition of our Catholic faith. Our goal in Religious Education is to teach as Jesus taught.

Jesus is at the heart of all Religious Education and we aspire to help children establish a personal and loving relationship with Jesus. We are here to help you and your family grow in your faith.

We strive to meet the needs of all children in our parish. If a child has special needs or limitations we will meet with the parent/guardian to find ways to try to accommodate the child as best possible. St. Patrick's serves as a regional Religious Education center offering an exciting program for children with special needs. We offer classes for pre-school (3 and 4 year olds) through eighth grade and a two year Confirmation program for high school students. Children receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in the second grade of the Religious Education program. In addition, for children that have not been baptized and/or received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, we offer Special Sacrament classes. **Our policy is to never turn any child away.**

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact the Office of Religious Education at **978-683-9416**.

ST. PATRICK PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM

CLASSES ARE OFFERED IN ENGLISH, SPANISH, AND VIETNAMESE

PRE-SCHOOL - GRADE 8

St. Patrick's Religious Education curriculum is based on the Archdiocese of Boston's Religion Curriculum Guidelines, which is correlated with the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We use texts that provide a strong foundation and enhance the books with activities that will help the children develop a deeper relationship with God and their Parish Community. We use the Sadlier text series, *We Believe*. For more information, please check out their website at www.webelieveweb.com.

SPECIAL NEEDS

St. Patrick's parish offers a Religious Education Program for children and adults with special needs. In collaboration with other parishes in our community and in keeping with the Archdiocese of Boston Religious Curriculum Guidelines the emphasis of the program is to provide quality catechesis and sacramental preparation for children who are physically or developmentally challenged. The model is designed to overcome the barriers presented by a regular classroom setting. This program is a wonderful opportunity for our parish communities to grow in God's love as we work together to make a place at the table for all of God's children.

CONFIRMATION

St. Patrick's Confirmation preparation program is a two year process. The program includes sacramental instruction, discussions on moral and social justice issues, retreats, sponsor meetings, days of reflection, service projects, guest speakers, and active participation at Mass.

RCIA

Are you an adult who has not yet been baptized and would like to explore the possibility of being baptized?

Are you an adult who was baptized in a non-Catholic Christian community and would be interested in entering full Communion with the Catholic Church?

Are you an adult who was baptized as a child in the Catholic Church, never received further faith formation, and would like to pursue reception of the sacraments beyond baptism?

The RCIA may be for you!

RCIA stands for the "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults". The RCIA is a wonderful process through which participants gather weekly in a small group with members of the parish and our pastoral staff for spiritual and catechetical formation.

For adults who will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, and Penance at Easter of 2015. This is the time of year to enter the RCIA process!

To explore the RCIA, please call Mrs. Joanne Morrow at Saint Patrick's parish office – 978-683-9416 – to arrange a personal appointment with one of our priests.