

St. Patrick Parish Religious Education Program

Covid-19 Protocols for “in-person” Instruction

Following the guidance of the CDC; the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Chester County Department of Health, as well as the mandate issued by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for all Archdiocesan schools and Religious Education programs, our program will implement the following strategies and protocols:

- Each student must have a signed and dated Archdiocesan Covid-19 waiver on file. A student may not attend in-person classes without the waiver on file. Parents may contact Sr. Eileen if they refuse to sign the waiver.
- All persons involved in our PREP program **will need to be masked** while in the classrooms and all in-door school environs. This includes **all** adults and children, regardless of vaccination status.
- Children will be spaced at least 3 feet in distance in the classroom.
- Windows will be open for ventilation.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in each room.
- Disinfectant will be used in each room before and after class.
- Children will sit in the same desk throughout each class without sharing of any materials.
- Classes will not be mixed with any other class.
- Children may bring their own water bottles as no water fountains will be used.

Keeping in mind that PREP classes are 1 hour and 15 minutes, we feel that these mitigation strategies will be sufficient. As conditions change throughout the coming months, these strategies and protocols may be changed based on the guidance and directives of the local health department, as well as the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office of Catholic Education and Catechetical Formation.

We have all learned much in the past year on how to live in and navigate through this covid reality. We all need to take responsibility for monitoring our daily health. We ask parents to carry through the same mitigation strategies followed in their public school to our program. Do not have your child attend that week’s PREP if...

- **your child shows any symptoms of being sick**
- **your child tested positive and/or is in isolation due to exposure to covid**
- **your child was sent home from their school due to covid concerns**



This year we will post each week’s lesson on our PREP webpage for Levels 1 to 5. If a child cannot be present, we ask the parents to take the responsibility to teach that week’s lesson. Level 6 catechists will communicate lesson information by e-mail.