



St. Patrick
PREP
Growing in Faith

WELCOME

2024-2025 PREP REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR NEW STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

The St. Patrick Parish Religious Education Program is open to all registered parish families with children from grade 1 to grade 6 who attend the area public or non-parochial schools. (Note: Grade 7 is a final preparation time for a Fall Confirmation)

PREREQUISITES

- The family must be registered in St. Patrick Parish.
- Students must attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. The basis of all religious instruction is the Liturgy of the Word and of the Eucharist.
- A child must have completed the previous year of religious education before moving on to the next year (e.g., grade 1 completed before entering grade 2), regardless of the child's grade in school.

REGISTRATION

Please complete one family form. Please complete one student information sheet for *each* child you wish to enroll. It is important that the forms be filled in completely. *A copy of the baptismal record is necessary for registration to be considered complete.*

REGISTRATION FEE

For those students in grades 1 up to and including grade 6, the fee is \$200 for one child, \$325 for two children, and \$425 for three or more. Make checks payable to St. Patrick Parish or pay online with the link on our webpage. If payment is a problem, please let us know. We have several options.

CLASS OPENINGS

Due to the large number of enrollments, we must operate on a first-come, first-serve basis. We do try to accommodate everyone. When registering your child/children for PREP classes, please specify your preference for either the Sunday, or Monday sessions.

CLASS SESSIONS FOR THE 2024-25 YEAR

SUNDAY SESSION

10:30-11:35 a.m.
Levels 1 - 6

MONDAY SESSION

4:45-6:00 p.m.
Levels 1-6

FAMILY CATECHESIS*

*Please read description of this option.
Agreement form MUST BE signed by parent. Acceptance into this program will be at the discretion of the Director of Religious Education.

Levels 1-5

Our Religious Education Program is staffed by good hearted and caring parishioners who volunteer their time and talent to make it work! Parents of PREP students are vital to the good running of our program. Will you consider staying and helping while your child is in class? We are always in need of help in many areas...classroom catechists, catechist aides, classroom help, substitutes, office help during PREP session, and baby-sitting during PREP sessions.

What is needed to be a catechist? A love of God and our Catholic faith, and a desire to share this faith with the youth of our parish. Training and guidance in preparing and teaching lessons are given to those interested. If you would like to “watch a catechist in action” to see if you might be interested, please give us a call. High school teens are also welcome to help...as are grandparents! Please see the enclosed volunteer form.

Welcome, thank you and God bless you and your family.

ST. PATRICK PREP NEW FAMILY REGISTRATION FORM

Section 1: Mailing Information *Please fill in all fields that apply.*

Last Name: _____ Street Address: _____
First Names of _____ Apartment #: _____
Adult Addressees: _____ City: _____
Primary Phone #: _____ Zip Code: _____

Section 2: Parent Information *Please fill in all fields that apply. Please check box for primary email.*

☐ Father's Email: _____ ☐ Mother's Email: _____
Father's Last Name _____ Mother's Last Name _____
Father's First Name: _____ Deceased: **Y N** Mother's First Name: _____ Deceased: **Y N**
Father's Religion: _____ Maiden Name: _____
Father's Cell or Work #: _____ Mother's Religion: _____
Status of Custodial Parent(s) (Circle One) _____ Mother's Cell or Work #: _____
Married Separated Divorced Remarried Single Child Lives With: _____
Family Registered with Parish **Yes No**
Is there any Court Order in effect? **Yes No** \Rightarrow **If yes, attach copy of most current Court Order.**
Should we be aware of any issues? **Yes No** \Rightarrow Explain _____

Section 3: Name of Person* Responsible for Religious Education if NOT Parent or Legal Guardian

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

**Parent/Guardian must provide a signed, dated letter of permission to the DRE, which is to be kept on file and updated annually.*

- ☐ I have read the Family Handbook and agree to the requirements and expectations of the St. Patrick Parish Religious Education Program.
☐ I give permission for my child's name and/or image to appear on the parish and archdiocesan websites, bulletin boards, newspaper articles, parish bulletin, synchronous remote learning which may be recorded and posted on the parish and/archdiocesan website, and live-stream and/or recorded liturgies and events associated with the parish religious education program.

Section 4: Emergency Information *Please provide contacts for when parent(s) cannot be reached.*

First Contact: _____ Second Contact: _____
Relationship: _____ Relationship: _____
Primary Phone #: _____ Primary Phone #: _____

Section 5: Payment Information. *Please fill in all fields.*

Tuition 2024-2025

\$200/1st Child \$325/2 Children \$425/3+ Children

Number of Children Being Registered for 2024-2025: _____

Payment Method: _____ Cash _____ Check _____ Online*
* Link to PREP Registration Fee/Parish Giving on PREP webpage

Is Parent a Volunteer? **Yes No**

Amount Paid: \$ _____ Partial Full (circle one)

I give permission that, in my absence, my child(ren) whose name(s) appear on these forms, may receive emergency medical care for injuries and all situations that should occur while participating in the Religious Education Program at St. Patrick Parish.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

ST. PATRICK PREP NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM

Section 1: General Information *Please fill in all fields.*

Last Name: _____ School Attending in Fall 2024: _____

First/Middle Name: _____ School Grade in Fall 2024: _____

Gender: _____ Date of Birth: _____ PREP Level in Fall 2024: _____

Ethnicity: ☐ Hispanic/Latino ☐ Non-Hispanic/Latino

Race: *(Please choose only one)*

☐ American Indian/Native Alaskan ☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ☐ Asian ☐ White

☐ Black African American ☐ Two or more races ☐ Other ☐ Prefer not to answer

Section 2: Medical/Learning Information *and fill in any fields that apply.*

Medical Conditions or Allergies: *(if Yes, describe below)* Yes No

Prescribed Medications: Yes No

Learning Support Services or *Disability *(see IDEA definitions below)* Yes No

IEP Individualized Education Program Yes No

**Vaccinations up to Date: Yes No If no, has he/she received an exemption from school district? Yes No

Please complete information here or add any other information about your child that should be communicated.

Section 3: Sacrament Information *Please fill in all fields that apply.*

Baptism *Please include a copy of baptismal certificate* **First Penance**

Date Received: _____ Date Received: _____

Name of Church: _____ **First Eucharist**

City /State: _____ Date Received: _____

The following must be filled out for new students who are registering for Grade 2 or higher:

Where did the child receive his or her religious education last year? _____

***IDEA:** As defined by Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the term "child with a disability" means a child with: an intellectual disability, a hearing impairment (including deafness), a speech or language impairment, a visual impairment (including blindness), a serious emotional disturbance, an orthopedic impairment, autism, traumatic brain injury, another health impairment, a specific learning disability, deaf blindness, or multiple disabilities, and who, by reason thereof, needs special education and related services.

****Even if your child is exempt from immunizations, he/she may be excluded from school during an outbreak of the vaccine preventable disease.**

SESSION SELECTION FOR 2024-2025

Check the session you prefer your child to attend.

_____ Sunday morning 10:30 – 11:35 Grades 1 – 6

_____ Monday afternoon 4:45-6:00 Grades 1 – 6

_____ Family Catechesis*** Grades 1 - 5

*****If requested must read description enclosed, sign request form and return with registration.**



ST PATRICK PREP VOLUNTEER FORM

Join us in building Christ's body, the Church.

Requirements: Love of God and of our Catholic Faith!

Dear Parents,

Our program runs on the generosity of our volunteers and God always provides the right people. God has gifted you with many talents, please prayerfully consider helping in one of the following ways:

CATECHIST * Takes responsibility to prepare each week's lesson and teach children.

CLASSROOM AIDE * Assists the catechist with children and management of classroom.

Sister Eileen will give training and guidance to those willing to teach as a catechist or aide.

OFFICE HELPER * Helps in office during PREP session; collects absentee forms; monitors who is entering/leaving building.

NURSERY As needed. Supervises young children of catechists while they teach.

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia requires background checks and training in Ministerial Boundaries for all adults who work with or around children. All of our volunteers are guided through the process of gaining these background requirements. Information on clearances can be accessed by emailing: enovak@stpatrickmalvern.org.

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Position I am willing to assume: _____

If it is a classroom position, please indicate preferred grade level (s): _____

Circle PREP Session: Sunday 10:30-11:35 AM* Monday 4:45 PM* Family Catechesis

Please return form in the enclosed envelope along with your child's registration form.

**Tuition fees are waived for the children of volunteers who serve on a regular weekly basis. 2/2024*



Saint Patrick Parish Religious Education Program

Family Catechesis option

2024-2025

A newer perspective of catechesis that the Church is moving towards is **Family Catechesis**. The Church has always recognized parents as the first catechists in their child's life. Every parish offers assistance in this area by making available Faith Formation classes for its young parishioners. However, the Church does not take away the primary responsibility of every parent to catechize and teach their children about God. This was a sacred duty promised by parents at their child's Baptism.

St. Patrick Parish Religious Education program does offer Family Catechesis as an option for faith formation.

Description and Explanation of the Family Catechesis Option

The concept of "Whole Family Catechesis" is to catechize the parents who in turn catechize their children. Together, as a family, they pray and learn and grow in their Catholic faith. It is meant to be done as a family. Therefore, it does not work if the parents pass off the teaching to grandparents or other family or friends. If parents do not feel they can commit to this, then the option for Family Catechesis should not be requested.

We will be using the Loyola Press Family Catechesis program. Parents and their children will attend an in-person session/class once every 4 to 5 weeks. At this session, the parents will participate in a multimedia presentation and discussion on a Unit theme prepared by Loyola Press. The children will go to their grade level class to be taught the 1st lesson of the Unit by a catechist. Then, the parents teach the next 4 lessons of the Unit at home to their children. The children complete an evaluation after each Unit to return to their catechist. **A plus to this option is that the parents can choose the optimal time each week to present the lessons to their children.** Parents will be supplied with many resources from us and also resources prepared by Loyola Press to support them in their role of catechist.

There will be 7 themes, therefore, 7 in-person classes throughout the year. The themes are:

God; Jesus; The Church; Sacraments; Morality; and the seasonal lessons for Advent/Christmas, and Lent/Easter

The 7 in-person parent sessions/child classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30. Your family may conveniently attend the 9:30 parish mass and then come over for the Family Catechesis session.

Please note that 6th Level students must attend weekly in person classes as they are preparing for Confirmation in the Fall of 7th Level. So, 6th Level students are not an option for Family Catechesis.

The components of our Family Catechesis program will consist of:

- 7 sessions throughout the year for Parents and Children to attend.
- Evaluations of student progress.
- The children will also be expected to participate in PREP special activities, such as PREP confessions, and any special assembly (e.g., Lenten Mission assembly)

To be considered to participate in the Family Catechesis option, you must fulfill the following:

- Registered for PREP for 2024-25
- Participate in the sacramental life of our parish
- Attend all on-site parent sessions/children classes throughout the year (lack of participation will lead to placement of children in the regular weekly classes).
- Agree to follow all components of the Family Catechesis program.
- Parents must agree to teach their own families, not pass it on to grandparents or others.
- Fill out and sign the Request and Agreement Form for the Family Catechesis program and return it with your PREP registration.
- Acceptance into this option will be at the discretion of the Director of Religious Education.

May our good Lord bless all of our families with graces in abundance!

Sister Eileen Tiernan

Director of Religious Education

“...the family which experiences the joy of faith communicates it naturally. That family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world...”

Pope Francis

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Malvern, PA 19355

REQUEST FORM AND AGREEMENT FOR FAMILY CATECHESIS OPTION
2024-2025

Last Name: _____ First Name(s) of Adult Addressees: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Name of your child or children :

_____ PREP Level _____

_____ PREP Level _____

_____ PREP Level _____

- I agree that I will be the Catechist to my child(ren) and will take the responsibility to teach the curriculum of St. Patrick Religious Education Program to them.
- I agree to attend and participate with my children in the 7 in-person parent sessions/child classes at St. Patrick Parish for the *Family Catechesis* program.
- I agree to complete and return any follow-up material required and/or any evaluations required as a participating family in the program.
- I understand that if I choose not to fulfill the requirements to participate in the Family Catechesis option, it will result in my child(ren) being placed back in the traditional weekly PREP classes.

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

(This form must be signed and returned with your PREP registration. You may not request this option over the phone or by e-mail. You must sign your agreement to participate. Thank you.)