

Mass Schedule
Saturday 4:30pm,
Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am

Church of the Nativity

180 Ridge Road
Fair Haven, NJ 07704
Religious Education Office
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Confession/Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays 3:45pm-4:15pm

Religious Education Guidelines

Goal of our Religious Education Program:

Our goal is to lead our children to the knowledge and appreciation of the Good News of Jesus as taught by the Catholic Church. It is the responsibility of all members of our Parish Family to ensure each child in our Christian community is instructed in the ways and truths of the Catholic Faith.

Your role as parents and guardians:

- To assist your child to grow into full maturity in the Christian community:
- Be the primary educator of your children by knowing & sharing our Roman Catholic Christian Faith.
- Review all material at home with your children and ensure that your children are prepared for class & for at-home program.
- Be registered in a parish, preferably The Church of the Nativity.
- Along with your children, parents are expected to actively participate in the liturgical life of the parish, i.e. attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days; frequent reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist.
- Parents of children receiving sacraments are **required** to actively participate in the preparation process through information meetings, home preparation, mass worksheets, and liturgical celebrations.

Mass participation for each student:

- When attending Mass students are encouraged:
 - To write a prayer intention and put in the collection basket
- Mass is an integral part of the Religious Education Program as in community with families, core concepts and teachings of the church will be reinforced with participation in the Mass.
- Prepare your child to know prayers to fully participate in Mass.
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- Other items your children should know:
 - Say & write the 10 commandments
 - *Know the title, proper name and position of each of the following:*
 - Our Pastor- Reverend Christopher Picollo (Fr. Chris)
 - Our Parish- Church of the Nativity
 - Our Diocese- Trenton
 - Our Bishop- Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M. (Bishop of the Diocese of Trenton)
 - The Pope (Holy Father)- Pope Francis

Classroom Guidelines:

- Ensure that your children attend **all** classes and related activities in the Religious Education Program. In general, classes are held Tuesday & Wednesday. All classes to be held at the Church of the Nativity Parish Center.
- Attend scheduled special liturgies that are a required part of the program.
- Make a phone call when your student needs an excused absence (732-741-1714 Ext. 3) It is required that the call occur prior to the class starting or a written note at the next class session.
- Make up assignments will be required.
- A child with unexcused absences and/or who fails to complete make up work may have to repeat the grade.

(turn over)

- Tuition fee is charged for every child. If a child loses his/her book during the year an additional twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) will be charged for a replacement text. There are additional fees for sacramental years. If this fee causes you financial difficulty, please contact the Religious Education Office.
- **Respect:** Because we are ALL made in God's image, respect is core to the Religious Education Program. With that in mind, please advise your child that improper treatment of peers, parish staff and volunteers will not be tolerated. Please be sure your child(ren) treat their catechists and other RE volunteers with respect and know that all of our volunteers selflessly give of their time on a weekly basis.
- **Discipline:** A child who is sent to the office for the 1st time because of discipline issues will be spoken with and upon return to the class- apologize to the catechist and class for the disruption. The 2nd time a child is sent to the office because of a discipline issue the child will call home and be dismissed from the class until the parent and child meet with the Office Admin.
- **Cell phones** will be collected at the beginning of class. The RE office is not responsible for any damage or lost phones. If you need to get in touch with your child during class time please call the RE office.

Christ In Us Portal Guidelines / GIFT Home Study Students and Summer Session Students

Book and Portal:

- Each student will receive a textbook and portal access.
- The portal works in tandem with the textbook.
- Icons located in each lesson correspond to Icons on the portal to enhance your child's lesson.
- a pre-recorded virtual catechist is available that will walk your child through the pages as well.
- Videos of a recorded catechist are optional and available if you wish to use them.
- Students **DO** need to log in using their student portal login credentials (Not the parents')
- Complete their weekly lesson assignment. This lesson assignment is the only requirement.

Portal Login:

- Students should log on to <https://www.christinus.com/@par077041714> website login page to access their grade level lessons.
- Parents and students each have their own separate log in username and password.
- Each student has a username that is usually the first initial and last name. Call if you have any issues logging in.
- Parents can log in to access the parent lesson guides using the username NativityParents. Call for password.
- Students are only able to **complete** the lesson assignments using their **STUDENT** login credentials.
- Parents can only **view** parent guides and lessons. Assignments cannot be completed in the parent portal.
- Students will read through each week's lesson and complete that lesson assignment **WITHIN TIME FRAME DESIGNATED** (Again this year we are following the RE calendar having the assignments due on a **weekly** basis)
- PLEASE TAKE NOTE-If your student has NOT logged in and submitted a substantial amount of lesson tests by December, they will no longer have access the portal tests and will have to contact the RE office to inquire how to proceed.

Sacrament Preparation:

- **First Eucharist:** A **minimum** for two (2) years instruction, with an understanding of the sacrament by the child, with the Pastor's recommendation.
- **Confirmation:** Several years instruction resulting in a basic and working understanding of the Faith, and with the Pastor's Recommendation.

If at any time it is determined that a child is not sufficiently prepared, the reception of the sacrament may be postponed.

I am in receipt of The Church of the Nativity Religious Education Guidelines: School Year _____	
Parent's First & Last Name (Please print): _____	Parent Signature _____
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