

SAINT MARY OF THE HILLS
Office of Religious Education
260 Brook Road
Milton, MA 02186

Spring 2018

Dear Families

Enclosed please find a registration form for next year's Religious Ed Program to be returned to the Religious Ed Office as soon as possible to enable us to properly plan for next year. Children will be assigned a guaranteed place on a first come first served basis, as we will continue to put a cap on the number of children in the atrium for each session. There will be NO cap for the *Family Formation* program for children in Grades K - 5.

In the *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program* each level builds on knowledge that was gained in the earlier level. Because of this we will not be able to accept any children into the Level Two or Three atriums who have not had prior experience in the Level One atrium. To learn more about the program, please watch this YouTube video: https://youtu.be/MwO_CWLKwOE.

Family Formation combines a monthly church gathering (where children meet in grade-specific class settings while parents gather for adult catechesis and formation) and weekly family Home Lessons where parents, equipped with materials and an understanding of the lessons, teach their children the Faith. For more information on this program, check out: *FamilyFormation.net*.

Also, please see the enclosed regarding the state-mandated safety programs. This form will need to be returned along with your registration form. All registrations will not be considered complete without this permission/waiver form attached.

Meeting times for these programs are as follows:

Family Formation - Grades K - 5 - Monthly scheduled Thursday evenings 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Pre-K only - Monday @ 10:30 - 11:30 am
- K - Grade 5 - Sunday @ 8:50 - 10:05 am
- K - Grade 5 - Monday @ 3:45 - 5:00 pm

**First Communion Preparation will be available in both the CGS and Family Formation Programs.
Please note that the First Communion Preparation program is a two-year program.**

EDGE - Grades 6 - 8 - Monday @ 7:00 - 8:30 pm

***Please note that the Confirmation program has a separate registration form & fee.**

All of the programming relies on the generous spirit of our volunteers. We need you and hope that you will prayerfully consider helping us out in any of the areas listed on back of this letter.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this letter.

Sincerely in Christ,

Joan Regan - Director of Religious Education

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Volunteer Opportunities for Religious Ed Program and Parish

Catechist – **The catechist in the CGS program** will need to be specifically trained for this role as it is a Montessori based program. Classes are offered thru the National Association for CGS. These happen at different times and with different formats and time requirements throughout the year. The Archdiocese hopes to make this training more available for parishes in the future. This is a spiritually enriching program for every individual who takes the training. So, if you would like to understand our faith more, you may be interested in this.

– **The catechist in the Family Formation program** will not need any specific training just a love for children and an informed knowledge of our faith. The lead catechist will go over all materials with you before each class each month as the classes are structured so that the children always have time with the Bible/Scripture, learning the Mass and opportunities for prayer along with the lesson for the evening.

Classroom Aide for CGS – The aides role is to assist the lead catechist in the atrium. The catechist will do all the teaching, but the aide will be available to help the children as they process the lesson and to help maintain peace and decorum throughout the time in the atrium. Aides are expected to attend a meeting at the beginning of each year to learn the process of the atrium and to be oriented to the program.

Safety Monitor – The Safety Monitor is needed to maintain order and peace throughout the entire atrium space and to ensure that all the children are safe when travelling from atrium to bathroom etc.

Family Service Projects – Volunteers for service projects will help brainstorming ideas for family service to parish and wider community in our area. Volunteers would help with planning, advertising and facilitating each project. This is something we hope to grow this year, but we need your help. Some ideas are: Food Drives, Clothing Drives, Cradles to Crayons, Toiletries Drive for homeless or soldiers and Rice Bowl.

Family Ministry Volunteer – New position for persons interested in growing family activities and opportunities for community and spiritual growth or our parish families. We are excited for the possibilities!

Family Liturgy Volunteer – An adult who would work with the children before 10:15 Mass to prepare them for reading the Prayers of the Faithful or gift bearer. This person would need to arrive by 9:45 to prepare the children. Other responsibilities might be to create a schedule for other adult volunteers as well as a schedule for the children to serve as readers.

Host for Fellowship Hour (held after the 10:15 Mass) – This person would choose his/her schedule throughout the year to serve Sunday mornings by preparing the coffee, tea and refreshments for the coffee hour after Family Liturgy and possibly remind weekly bakers of their scheduled commitment. This person would also greet and welcome the people who come for refreshment and community.

Bakers – Volunteer bakers would be scheduled to bake or donate a bought bakery item at least monthly for the Fellowship Hour held on Sunday mornings after the 10:15 Family Liturgy.

Other Parish Ministries include – **Mass Greeters and Ushers - Lectors – Eucharistic Ministers**

If you are interested in any of these please circle your preference and your name and contact info will be forwarded to the ministry coordinator.

ALL Parish volunteers will need to complete and sign a CORI form each year.

St. Mary of the Hills Religious Education Registration 2018-2019

29 St. Mary's Road, Milton-MA 02186 (617) 696-6117

Father: _____ **Catholic** Y N
Last First

Mother: _____ **Catholic** Y N
Last First

M. Maiden: _____ **Guardian (if not parent):** _____
No

Address: _____
Street City Zip Code

Telephone: _____
Home Cell Emergency

Family Email Required, please PRINT clearly: _____

NB: Copy of Baptismal record required for First Communion & Confirmation Students if not baptized at St Mary of the Hills.

Student Information

Please circle program/day

Student Name	Grade-2018/19	CGS: Sunday/ Monday Family Formation EDGE	Gender	School
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Birth date	Baptismal Church - City	First Penance Church Y/N	First Eucharist Church Y/N
_____	_____	_____	_____

Special Needs: medical, learning disabilities, physical; Allergies:

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Religious Education Sessions

Family Formation – Kindergarten – Grade 5

Scheduled Monthly Thursday evenings @ 6:00 - 7:30

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd -Kindergarten – Grade 5

Sunday Mornings 8:50 – 10:05 or Monday Afternoons 3:45 – 5:00

First Communion is a two-year program beginning in First Grade.

Children will be assigned to classes in the order in which registrations are received.
No child will be assigned to a class unless the teacher /student ratio has been met

EDGE - Grades 6, 7 and 8 - Monday evenings @ 7:00 – 8:30

Children’s Rosary Club – Monday afternoons 5:00 – 5:30

I am interested in having my child take part in the Rosary Club held on Monday afternoons: Yes ___ No ___

Tuition Information – Pre-K – Grade 8

\$90 per child - \$200 max per family

Registrations received before June 30, 2018 - \$75 per child - \$175 max

Date Received _____ Cash _____ Check # _____ Amount _____

Volunteer Opportunities (CORI required for all volunteers)

I am interested in: ___ Catechist (person who has taken the CGS courses for certification)

Classroom Aide _____ Safety Monitor _____ Service Projects _____ Family Ministry _____

Family Liturgy _____ Host for Fellowship Hour _____ Baker _____

Volunteer Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Photo/Video/Name Release

I, _____ give my consent for St Mary of the Hills Parish to take pictures/ videos of my registered children during Religious Ed sessions to post on the smhmilton.org website or for local newspapers. Yes ___ No _____

Please include your safety program permission/waiver form with your registration!!

Safety Program

Since the Massachusetts legislature has mandated that every Catholic School/Parish teach all children about safety, the Archdiocese has adopted the Talk about Touching program for children Grades 1-3 and the Keeping Children Safe program for Grades 4 – 6.

It is mandatory for us to offer the class but it is not mandatory for your child/ren to participate. **Please fill out and return the signed form below with your registration form.**

The goal of the Talk About Touching program is to increase children’s knowledge of and adherence to rules that will help keep them safe, to strengthen children’s ability to distinguish between safe touch and unsafe touch and to increase their knowledge of safety rules about touching and finally to increase children’s ability to stand up for themselves in an assertive, but not aggressive, way and to ask for help in difficult, uncomfortable, or dangerous situations.

The goal of the Keeping Children Safe program is to enhance children’s self-protective skills by participation in lessons on safe and unsafe situations, bullying, inappropriate touch, secrets, telling and stranger danger. The program aims to give children the skills necessary to enable them to recognize and resist abuse/victimization and teaches them that they should always tell (an adult that can help) about any situation which they find unsafe, upsetting, threatening, dangerous or abusive.

Because we have so few hours to teach the lessons in our Religious Ed program, St Mary of the Hills has decided to offer this class this upcoming year on Sunday, February 24, 2019 @ 1:30 – 3:30. Snow date will be March 3, 2018 @ 1:30.

Please sign and return the bottom of this form when you register your child for Religious Ed 2018.

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_____ **I give my permission for my child/ren to attend the Safety Lessons offered and will ensure that my child/ren attend the session on the scheduled Sunday afternoon. Feb. 24, 2019 @ 1:30 – 3:30 or the snow date March 3 @ 1:30 – 3:30** (Please put these dates on your calendar so that we respect the time and talent of those who will volunteer to teach these lessons. Thank you.)

_____ **I Opt-Out of the offered Safety Lessons for Grades:** _____
Children’s Grades 2018

Name: _____ **Grades:** _____
PLEASE PRINT

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____