

Religious Education Office Newsletter

September 2009

We are pleased to welcome you back to Religious Education classes. We are proud of our program here at St. Peter's. The staff and catechists are pleased to be your partner as you teach and share your faith with your child. Together, we provide your child with a foundation in Catholic traditions, doctrine, and worship.

This year is a year of transition for the Religious Education Office. Eileen Hanrahan is currently the Pastoral Minister for Catechesis for the entire St. Peter's Religious Education Program, grades K-9, including the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Throughout this year we will be discerning the best way to serve our families and structure the office to suit your needs. We ask for your prayers, patience and understanding. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to share them with us.

Periodically you will receive a newsletter in which we plan to provide you with highlights of our program and happenings in the parish.

We look forward to a wonderful year as we partner to provide the very best religious education for each child in our program.



Welcome
Back

Let us introduce ourselves. . .

Eileen Hanrahan is a lifelong active parishioner here at St. Peter the Apostle, and is starting her fifth year as a Pastoral Minister for Catechesis. She is also the liaison to the MOMS ministry and is working towards her Master's Degree in Religious Education with a concentration in Family Ministry at Fordham University. Eileen and her husband, Tom, have 4 children: Thomas is 15, Bridget is almost 13, Liam is 11 and Colette is 9.

Maryann Zoppi has been the Office Manager since 1996. Maryann and her husband, John, have one son, Derek, who teaches *Psychology, AP Psychology* and *Sociology & Law* at Teaneck High School. Maryann handles all administrative details in the office and can answer almost any question you may have.



Parents on Duty

- ♥ bring your children to Mass every Sunday
- ♥ invite God into your everyday life
- ♥ give your faith a boost, learn with your child
- ♥ Step out of your comfort zone, and join one new ministry here at St. Peter's!



7th & 8th Grade Mondays from 7 to 9 pm First Semester

October 19 to December 14, 2009

Second Semester

January 11 to March 29, 2010



Intergenerational Faith Formation Retreat Saturday, October 24, 2009 - 9 am to 1 pm



We are inviting the WHOLE parish, youth, young adults, families, single people, seniors EVERYONE to this special retreat. Our theme is **Solidarity: We are all part of God's Family**. There are flyers in the take-one rack.

For more information, call Eileen at 201-265-6019

HOW ABOUT YOU?

As you lead your child in spiritual growth, check out the following adult opportunities for yourself:

Alpha ✨ Cornerstone ✨ Small Christian Communities

For more information call Chris Black at (201-261-3366) or check the bulletin or our web site at www.saint-peter.org.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS - RCIA

Raising a Catholic child and not a Catholic yourself? Are you a Catholic who has been baptized, but did not receive Eucharist and/or Confirmation? Do you know of an adult that might be interested in learning more about our Catholic faith?

If so, RCIA is the answer! Contact Chris Black at 201-261-3366 for more information.

St. Peter's website can be accessed at www.saint-peter.org

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*A parent's blessing
of children
before school*

*I send you with my love and blessing
to be the best person you can be today.
Learn well, play nicely,
and be happy in everything you do.
Go, look for God, then come back
and tell me the good news of what you found.
May God bless you
and keep you until you're home again. Amen.*

Let us introduce our Catechists & Confirmation Team Leaders:

Grade 1: Donna Cirino, Maryann Doris, Sue Gehringer, Laura Hoogstrate, Marianne Maloney, Corinne Mercer, Cheryl Mignone, Lisa Panchi and Mary Seuss

Grade 2: Anne Marie Brown, Diane Dunleavy, Marissa Espinosa, Mary Lou Hronic, Jeanmarie Kossuth and Wendy McGinley

Grade 3: Barbara Gallagher, Danielle George, Claire O'Connor, Jackie Schwanwede, Jen Steimle and Lisette Vidal

Grade 4: Marie Bridge, Adrienne Capasso, Ellen Gorla, Lauren O'Neill and Colin & Gail Quinn

Grade 5: Patty Almborg, Maria Brockmeier, Kathryn Decelle, Pat & Allison Kress, Michael Petrillo and Ed Schreyer

Grade 6: Andrew Faiz and Patty Rizzo

Grade 6: **Summer Program:** Brenda Esposito, Kathleen Murtha, Claire O'Connor, Stephanie O'Donnell

Grade 7 & 8: Bob Earl, Carl Fazio, Nancy Lynch, Peter Ng, and Donna Roman

Grade 7 & 8: **Summer Program:** Adrienne Capasso, Michele Cariddi, Nancy Kennedy, Mary Ellen Love, Ana DiBisceglie, Dore Ann Minervini, Christine Ng, and Jennifer Steimle

We are still in need of 7th and 8th grade catechists. If you have an interest in this special ministry, please call Eileen Hanrahan in the Religious Education Office.

Confirmation

Team Leaders: Dennis Broderick, Bill Decelle, Val Duran, Kathie Jozanovic, MaryEllen Love, MaryKay McHugh, Catherine Monopoli, Sheila Nastasi, Linda Naylor, Claire O'Connor, Grace Pichardo, Holly & Roy Pressimone, Nancy Read, MaryClare Smith and Geraldine Vigneron

Please stop by to introduce yourself to your child's catechists. They are dedicated to sharing faith with your child. We are sure you'd like to show your appreciation and support.

Monday Students please note: The blue doors will remain locked until 3:20 and children will not be admitted into the school before then. There is no parking, stopping or standing in front of St. Peter's Academy.

Remember, when visiting us . . .

The only entrance to the school is through the **blue doors on Fifth Ave.** Please ring the bell labeled for our office and we will unlock the door from the monitor. There will be **NO** admittance to the school from the Church entrance.

St. Peter the Apostle Religious Education Program