

MARIA REGINA R.C. CHURCH

FAITH FORMATION/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Partners in Faith

2011 - 2012 Calendar & Handbook

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**Monday–Thursday 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.**

**Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
(School Building: when classes are in session.)**

Seminary Website – Longislandpriest.com

Adoration – 2nd Friday of the Month (Except December)

We Are A Eucharistic Community

Mass Schedule:

Saturdays – 9:00 AM; 4:00 & 5:30 PM

Sundays – 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 Noon & 5:00 PM

Rectory Phone: 516-798-2415

Weekdays – 7:00 & 9:00 AM

Holydays – As published

Parents are the first and foremost catechists of their children. They catechize informally but powerfully by example and instruction. They communicate values and attitudes by showing love for Christ and His Church and for each other, by reverently receiving the Eucharist and living its spirit, and by fostering justice and love in all their relationships. Their active involvement in the parish, their readiness to seek opportunities to serve others, and their practice of frequent and spontaneous prayer, all make meaningful their professions of belief. Parents nurture faith in their children by showing them the richness and beauty of lived faith. From *Sharing the Light of Faith*,

The National Catechetical Directory for Catholics of the United States, 1978

The Faith Formation/Religious Education Program of Maria Regina Parish is based on the belief that the formal aspects of the parish program are not meant to be a substitute, but rather a support and enhancement of the life of faith formation being lived in the home environment, the “domestic church”.

All those who touch the life of a young Catholic in some way – parents, catechists, clergy, parish volunteers, and fellow parishioners must take their role **seriously and responsibly** by **fully living their baptismal commitment** and giving witness to the place and importance of **following Jesus Christ**.

As Catholics, we believe that a crucial aspect of this living faith is participation in the life of the local Church community—the parish.

The practical aspects of our Faith Formation/Religious Education Program are described in this calendar for your convenience. As you read through them, please remember that these details are but one small facet of the total faith formation of your child(ren).

Visitors:

No unauthorized persons will be allowed in the classroom unless they have been previously authorized by the Catechetical Leader.

Field Trips:

When a field trip is planned, the parents will need to fill out permission forms for each child going on the field trip. Telephone calls should not be accepted in lieu of written permission forms.

Communication:

We envision the faith formation of children as a cooperative effort of parents, Catechists, Catechetical Leaders, and the entire parish community. We encourage parents to be in communication with the child’s Catechist. The Parish Office of Faith Formation will communicate with parents on a regular basis, either by email or by sending letters home with students.

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL DAILY!				1	2	3
4	5 <i>Labor Day</i>	6 <i>Office Reopens</i> 9:00 – 12:00 noon 1:00 – 4:00 pm	7	8	9 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Holy Hour/Adoration</i> <i>(Dodgeball)</i> 7:30 pm <i>Seminary (Huntington)</i>	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 <i>Office Closed</i>	17 <u>RETREAT</u> <i>(Rescheduled from</i> <i>February 2011)</i> 9am – 12 noon 12:30 – 3:30 pm <i>School Auditorium</i>
18 <i>Catechetical Sunday</i>	19	20	21	22	23 <i>Office Closed</i>	24 <i>Class I</i> <i>First Day of Class</i> Session I 9:15-10:30 am <i>First Grade</i> 9:30-10:30 am Session II 11:00-12:15 pm <i>First Grade</i> 11:15-12:15 pm
25	26	27	28 Grade 7 Parent Meeting 7:00 pm in the Church (Copy of Pastor Letter due at <u>Time of Interview</u>)	29	30 <i>Office Closed</i>	<i>Please note:</i> <i>The office is open</i> <i>in the school building</i> <i>on Saturdays when classes</i> <i>are in session</i> <i>from 9:00 am—12:00 noon</i>

Entering the Program

1. All families *are required to register as members of Maria Regina Parish*. You must bring your parish ID number to the Religious Education Office when registering.
2. An original baptismal certificate *must* be submitted at the time of registration for the program.
3. When entering from another parish, if the child has attended faith formation/religious education classes, he or she will be placed in our program at the appropriate level. Proof of prior instruction from the child's previous parish must be submitted.
4. *Each stage is considered a pre-requisite for the next stage.*
Students must successfully complete each stage before moving to the next. Celebration of First Reconciliation (Penance) and Eucharist (Communion) requires a two-year preparation.
5. Situations where students are registering without any prior faith formation/religious education will be evaluated on an individual basis to determine the placement level. It would not be unusual for such placements to include a requirement that involves the parents and children in some form of faith formation/religious education before the beginning of the faith formation/religious education year.

Late registrants will begin after the start of the program as it takes time to process, place and prepare for your child. All parents are encouraged to register early so that children have a smooth beginning experience.

Special Education

Please contact the Director for more information.

Tuition

Full tuition should be paid at the time of registration. As always, if this presents a financial burden, please call and speak with Carol Tannehill, Director of Faith Formation/Religious Education.

Fees for the 2011/2012 are:

\$160.00 per family in classroom (plus a \$15.00 registration fee for new families)

\$80.00 for Home Study or Home Group*

Early Bird Fees are: \$140.00 per family for in classroom and \$70.00 for home study – Please see the calendar for last day of early bird fee.

*In addition to the Family Fee we ask for weekly Mass attendance and a **consistent** contribution – regardless of the dollar amount.*

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR EMAIL DAILY!

October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL DAILY!</p>	<p><i>Please note: The office is open in the school building on Saturdays when classes are in session from 9:00 am—12:00 noon</i></p>		<p>8th Grade For Information on Holy Hour/Adoration: Longislandpriest.com</p>			<p>1 Class 2</p>
<p>2 9:15 am PILOT PROGRAM Students—St. Francis Rm. Parents—St. Michael's Rm.</p>	<p>3 First Day of Class 4:15—5:30 pm First Grade 4:30—5:30 pm</p>	4	<p>5 Class 1 Grade 8 Parent Meeting 7:00 pm in the Church Home Study Book Pick Up in school office 4:30- 5:30 pm or 6:45 -7:30 pm</p>		<p>7 Office Closed</p>	<p>8 No Class Columbus Day Weekend</p>
9	<p>10 Columbus Day No Class Office Closed</p>	11	<p>12 Class 1 First Day of Class Session I 4:15—5:30 pm Session II 6:45—8:00 pm</p>	13	<p>14 Office Closed Holy Hour/Adoration (Dodgeball) 7:30 pm Seminary (Huntington)</p>	<p>15 Class 3 Home Study Book Pick Up in school office 9:00 am – 12:00 noon</p>
16	<p>17 Class 2 Parish Golf Outing - Bellport</p>	18	<p>19 Class 2</p>	20	<p>21 Office Closed</p>	<p>22 Class 4</p>
23	<p>24 Class 3</p>	25	<p>26 Class 3</p>	27	<p>28 Office Closed</p>	<p>29 Class 5</p>
<p>30 Grade 2 10:30 am Mass</p>	<p>31 Halloween No Class</p>					

Arrival Policy

All students need to enter the school building through the **brown doors** by the **basketball courts**. For the safety of your child(ren), these doors will be open **5** minutes before the start of class rain or shine.

Dismissal Policy

All students need to exit the school building through the **brown doors** by the **basketball courts**. For the safety of your child(ren), these doors will be open **5** minutes before the end of class rain or shine.

Note: When an **urgent reason** necessitates a child's early release a parent is required to please notify Miss Tannehill *prior* to class.

Absenteeism

If your child(ren) will be absent, please call 541-0921 or email to notify the Faith Formation/Religious Education Office. Please cover the assigned lesson noted on the Grade Level calendar. We allow a maximum of 3 absences. Excessive absenteeism and incomplete lessons can impede your child's formation process and progress.

Program Closings

If the program is canceled due to inclement weather, it will be announced on News Channel 12 as well as www.news12.com. If Maria Regina School is closed or the Plainedge School District, the Religious Education Office will also be closed. Please do not call the Rectory.

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL DAILY!	1 <i>All Saint's Day</i>	2 <i>Class 4</i> Grade 7 & 8 Due: <i>Community Service Request Form Grade 8 – Info Sheet Grade 7 – Baptismal Cert. Due</i>	3	4 <i>Office Closed</i>	5 <i>Class 6</i>
6 <i>Grade 1: For the Ride Home</i> <i>Grade 2: 12:00 noon Mass</i> 9:15 am PILOT PROGRAM <i>Students: St. Francis Rm. Parents: St. Michael's Rm.</i>	7 <i>Class 4</i>	8	9 <i>Class 5</i>	10	11 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Veteran's Day</i> <i>Holy Hour/Adoration (Dodgeball) 7:30 pm Seminary(Huntington)</i>	12 <i>Class 7</i>
13 <i>Grade 3: For the Ride Home</i>	14 <i>Class 5</i>	15	16 <i>Class 6</i>	17	18 <i>Office Closed</i>	19 <i>Class 8</i>
20 <i>Grade 4: For the Ride Home</i>	21 <i>Class 6</i>	22	23 <i>No Class</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	24 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	25 <i>Office Closed</i>	26 <i>No Class</i>
27 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Grade 5: For the Ride Home</i>	28 <i>Class 7</i> Communion Donation Due <i>Grade 2</i> \$40.00	29	30 <i>Class 7</i>	For Information on Holy Hour/Adoration: Longislandpriest.com	Grade 7 & 8 <i>Mass Reflections due by November 30th Grade 7 Staple in Conf. Notebook Grade 8 – Hand in Class</i>	<i>Please note: The office is open in the school building on Saturdays when classes are in session from 9:00 am—12:00 noon</i>

Books and Supplies

Each week all children are expected to bring their religion book, folder, pencil, (Bible for Grades 6, 7, 8) to class. If a book is lost during the year, it will be necessary for you to purchase a new one for your child at a cost of \$30.

Homework

Will be assigned at the discretion of the teacher.

Assessment

All levels are assessed both *informally* and *formally* throughout the Faith Formation/Religious Education year. Assessment may include verbal and written reviews as well as optional alternative assessments.

Volunteers

We need weekly volunteers as catechists, hall monitors, door security, and various other jobs. *Your help is not only greatly appreciated, but is essential and an important witness of stewardship for your child's faith formation.* Please consider sharing your time and talent with our parish family. All volunteers must attend a Virtus training class and complete a back-ground check.

Photographs

Maria Regina Parish reserves the right to take and use pictures of the children enrolled in Faith Formation/ Religious Education classes. If parents do not agree with the possibility of their child's picture being taken, please notify the Religious Education Office.

Bathroom

Please encourage your child to use the bathroom *before* arriving for class. If your child has a physical condition that necessitates going to the bathroom frequently, please notify the Faith Formation/Religious Education Director. The children are not allowed to make frequent trips to the bathroom as this disrupts the classroom time and preparation.

Snacks

No food, candy or drinks are permitted in class *at any time.*

December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Grade 7 & 8 <i>Mass Reflections due by December 31st</i></p>	<p>PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL DAILY!</p>	<p>No Holy Hour/Adoration In December</p>		1	2 <i>Office Closed</i>	3 <p>No Class</p> <p><i>Parish Craft Fair</i></p>
<p>4 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> 9:15 am PILOT PROGRAM <i>Students: St. Francis Rm.</i> <i>Parents: St. Michael's Rm.</i> Grade 6: For the Ride Home</p>	<p>5 Class 8 Parent Reconciliation Grades 2 & 7 <i>1:00 pm or 7:00 pm in the Church</i></p>	6	7 Class 8 <u>Grade 8 Due</u> Conf. Donation \$80 Sponsor Eligibility Form Gown Form <i>5:00 pm Vigil Mass</i>	8 <i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</i> Holy Day Mass Schedule <i>7:00 am Church</i> <i>9:00 am Church</i> <i>12:00 noon Church</i> <i>7:30 pm Church</i>	9 <i>Office Closed</i>	10 Class 9
<p>11 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> Grade 1: For the Ride Home</p>	12 Class 9	13	14 Class 9 <u>Grade 7 Due</u> Pastor Letter Staple in Conf. Notebook	15	16 <i>Office Closed</i>	17 Class 10
<p>18 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> Grade 3: For the Ride Home</p>	19 Class 10	20	21 No Class <i>Office Closed</i>	22	23 <i>Office Closed</i>	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> Mass Schedule <i>4:00 pm Church</i> <i>4:00 pm Auditorium</i> <i>5:30 pm Church</i> <i>12:00 am Midnight Church</i>
<p>25 <i>Christmas Day</i> Mass Schedule <i>7:30 am Church</i> <i>9:00 am Church</i> <i>10:30 am Church</i> <i>12:00 pm Church</i> <i>12:15 pm Auditorium</i></p>	26 No Class <i>Office Closed</i>	27 <i>Office Closed</i>	28 No Class <i>Office Closed</i> <u>Grade 7</u> <i>Wedding Summary should be completed and stapled in Confirmation Notebook</i>	29 <i>Office Closed</i>	30 <i>Office Closed</i>	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>

Dress Code

Appropriate clothing must be worn at all times. Students will be reminded of the following guidelines once. If the student continues to disobey the rule, the student will be referred to the Director to set up a meeting with the parent.

- No clothing may be worn with suggestive or questionable language or drawings.
- No bare midriffs or any shirt/top that exposes cleavage.
- No basketball jerseys or see through mesh unless a T-shirt is worn underneath.
- No sagging pants that expose undergarments.
- No pajamas, bedroom slippers and shower shoes.
- Coats must fit and be appropriate for the season. Hoods are only permitted when it is deemed necessary due to weather conditions.
- Hood may NOT be worn inside the church or parish/school building.
- Coats and hats are not to be worn inside the church or classroom.
- No chains or any attire that could be used as a weapon.

Substance Abuse

Substance abuse is defined as the possession of, use of, selling or distributing any unauthorized, illegal drug, chemical, alcohol, or tobacco-like substance, which can be introduced into the body through ingestion, inhalation, or injection. Any student found in possession of an illegal or unauthorized substance on parish property or at parish sponsored events will be immediately suspended from the program. A conference with the student parent, the Director and the Pastor is mandatory for re-admittance into the program. Any student selling or distributing will be turned over to the local authorities.

Custody Issues and Orders of Protection

Where there is an order of protection in effect, the parent or guardian must provide a list of names of those persons allowed to pick up the child. This list must bear a notarized signature of the parent or guardian. Where there is an order of protection in effect, anyone picking up the child must present photo I.D. to the Catechist. If the Catechist sees the person referred to by the Order of Protection, the police will be called immediately.

Home Schooling/Home Study

Home study is not allowed during a Sacramental year. No more than 2 years of home study will be permitted unless it is deemed necessary due to specific reasons. This is at the discretion of the Director, Carol Tannehill. All home study students must turn in their books for approval in order to be promoted to the next grade (see calendar for date)

With the guidance from the United States bishops in the National Directory for Catechesis, the Office of Faith Formation for the Diocese of Rockville Centre provides the following guidelines for those parents wishing to catechize their own child/children in the home. The National Directory for Catechesis states that “all parents have an obligation to involve their children in the life and mission of the church. Since their children are being initiated into the life of the Church, which is fundamentally realized in the local parish, parents who provide catechesis for their children in their homes should participate fully in the life of the local parish. They should celebrate the Sunday Eucharist in the local parish, involve themselves in its charitable works, and attend appropriate training and formation sessions the parish or diocese provides.” (NDC #3, pg. 260).

While we recognize that parents are the primary educators of their children and that some parents may “choose to provide catechesis for their children in their home, their catechesis must be both complete and authentic.” There may be valid circumstances whereby some families may need to “home school” their children. “Parents who choose to be not only the primary educators of their children but also their Catechists, must adhere to all guidelines for Catechists outlined by the Diocesan Bishop.” (NDC #3, pg. 259). It must be understood that these efforts cannot be done independently of the parish.

Conduct/Discipline Policy

The following expectations will apply to *all students* in the program:

1. That respect be shown to all catechists and other adults.
2. That students display a Christian attitude in the way they dress, speak, and behave.
3. That students avoid any behavior that is disruptive to the learning environment. (*Gum chewing is not permitted during class or when the children attend Mass.*)
4. That students are not permitted to have any hazardous items in their possession while at church or class. (*“heelies”—shoe skates— are not permitted in the building.*)
5. Baseball caps not allowed on in the building.
6. Cell phones must be off while the children are in the building.
7. That all hand held electronic devices (IPODS, hand held game systems) be left at home.

The Catechetical Leader should use reasonable judgment in responding to student misconduct. The first instance of student misconduct may warrant a verbal warning unless the action is serious enough to require parental involvement. If the Catechetical Leader feels that the misconduct is serious, the parent will be called immediately to pick up his/her child. The Catechetical Leader and the parish may determine that it is necessary to remove a student from the program entirely. The final decision will be approved by the Pastor.

Our dedicated catechists enjoy sharing their time and faith with your children. *As partners in faith*, your continued support and cooperation is appreciated. Our dedicated catechists enjoy sharing their time and faith with your children. *As partners in faith*, your continued support and cooperation is appreciated.

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Mary, Mother of God New Year's Day</i>	2 <i>Class 11</i>	3	4 <i>Class 10</i> <u>Gr. 7 Confirmation</u> <u>Notebook Check**</u> <i>4 Mass Reflections Letter to Pastor Wedding Summary</i>	5	6 <i>Office Closed</i>	7 <i>Class 11</i>
8 <i>Epiphany</i> 9:15 am PILOT PROGRAM <i>Students: St. Francis Rm. Parents: St. Michael's Rm.</i> Grade 2: 10:30 am Mass	9 <i>Class 12</i>	10	11 <i>Class 11</i>	12	13 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Holy Hour/Adoration (Dodgeball) 7:30 pm Seminary(Huntington)</i>	14 <i>Class 12</i> <i>Sponsor Dinner 5:30 Mass & Dinner in Auditorium</i>
15 Grade 2: 12:00 noon Mass Grade 4: For the Ride Home	16 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday</i>	17	18 <i>Class 12</i>	19	20 <i>Office Closed</i>	21 <i>Class 13</i>
22 Grade 5: For the Ride Home	23 <i>Class 13</i>	24	25 <i>Class 13</i>	26	27 <i>Office Closed</i>	28 <i>Class 14</i>
29 <i>Catholic Schools Week</i>	30 <i>Class 14</i>	31	PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL DAILY!		For Information on Holy Hour/Adoration: Longislandpriest.com	

**** NOTE: All 7th Grade students must turn in his/her Confirmation Notebook in class the week of January 2nd. Kellenberg students and Home Groups must bring their book to be checked in the Religious Education Office on Monday (4:30-5:30), Wed. (6:30-7:30) or Sat. (9:30-12 noon)**

GRADE 1

Class	Class Work	
1	Chapter 1	
2	Chapter 2	
3	Chapter 3	
4	Chapter 4	
5	Chapter 25	Mary/Saints
6	Chapter 5	
7	Chapter 6	
8	Chapter 13	Advent
9	Chapter 12	
10	Chapter 14	Christmas
11	Chapter 7	
12	Chapter 8	
13	Chapter 9	
14	Chapter 10	
15	Chapter 11	
16	Chapter 20	Lent
17	Chapter 15	
18	Chapter 16	
19	Chapter 17	
20	Chapter 21	
21	Chapter 27	Easter

GRADE 2

Class	Class Work	
1	Chapter 1/2	
2	Chapter 3/25	Mary/Saints
3	Chapter 4	
4	Chapter 5	
5	Chapter 6	
6	Chapter 13	Advent
7	Chapter 7	
8	Chapter 8	
9	Chapter 14	Christmas
10	Chapter 9	
11	Chapter 10	
12	Chapter 11	
13	Chapter 12	
14	Chapter 15	
15	Chapter 16	
16	Chapter 20	Lent
17	Chapter 17/18	
18	Chapter 22/23	
19	Chapter 24	
20	Chapter 21	The Three Days
21	Chapter 27	Easter

These calendars are for the usual day the class meets.
Your child(ren)'s catechist may adjust it if your class meets another day.

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February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL DAILY!		1 <i>Class 14 Grade 2 Parent Meeting 7:00 pm in the Church</i>	2 Grade 8	3 <i>Office Closed</i>	4 <i>Class 15 Confirmation Retreat –Grade 7 9:00–12:00 pm Auditorium 12:30 – 3:30 pm Auditorium (classes to be assigned)</i>
5 9:15 am Pilot Program <i>Students: St. Francis Rm. Parents: St. Michael’s Rm. Grade 1: For the Ride Home</i>	6 <i>Class 15</i>	7	8 <i>Class 15</i>	9	10 <i>Office Closed Holy Hour/Adoration (Dodgeball) 7:30 pm Seminary(Huntington)</i>	11 <i>Class 16</i>
12 <i>Grade 3: For the Ride Home</i>	13 <i>Class 16</i>	14 <i>Valentine’s Day</i>	15 <i>Class 16</i>	16	17 <i>Office Closed</i>	18 <i>No Class</i>
19 <i>Grade 4: For the Ride Home</i>	20 <i>President’s Day Office Closed</i>	21 <i>Office Closed</i>	22 <i>Office Closed Ash Wednesday</i>	23 <i>Office Closed</i>	24 <i>Office Closed</i>	25 <i>No Class</i>
26 <i>Grade 5: For the Ride Home</i>	27 <i>Class 17</i>	28	29 <i>Class 17 Gr. 7 Confirmation Notebook Check** 8 Mass Reflections Letter to Pastor Wedding Summary</i>	Grade 7 & 8 <i>Mass Reflections due by February 28th Grade 7 Staple in Conf. Notebook Grade 8 – Hand in Class</i>	For Information on Holy Hour/Adoration: Longislandpriest.com	<i>Please note: The office is open in the school building on Saturdays when classes are in session from 9:00 am—12:00 noon</i>

GRADE 3

Class	Class Work	
1	Chapter 1	
2	Chapter 2	
3	Chapter 3	
4	Chapter 4	
5	Chapter 5	
6	Chapter 6	
7	Unit 1 Assessment	Page 71
8	Chapter 13	Advent
9	Chapter 7	
10	Chapter 14	Christmas
11	Chapter 8	
12	Chapter 9/10	
13	Chapter 11	
14	Chapter 12	
15	Chapter 15	
16	Chapter 20	Lent
17	Chapter 16	
18	Unit 2 Assessment	Page 129
19	Chapter 17	
20	Chapter 21	Triduum
21	Chapter 27	Easter

GRADE 4

Class	Class Work	
1	Chapter 1	
2	Chapter 2	
3	Chapter 3	
4	Chapter 4	
5	Chapter 5	
6	Chapter 6	
7	Chapter 14	
8	Chapter 13	Advent
9	Unit 1 Assessment	Page 71
10	Chapter 15	
11	Chapter 16	
12	Chapter 17	
13	Chapter 18	
14	Chapter 19	
15	Unit 2 Assessment	Page 127
16	Chapter 20	Lent
17	Chapter 22	
18	Chapter 23	
19	Chapter 8	
20	Chapter 21	Triduum
21	Chapter 27	Easter

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March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL DAILY!		For Information on Holy Hour/Adoration: Longislandpriest.com	1 <u>Grade 7 Due</u> Baptism Summary (in Conf. Notebook)	2 Office Closed	3 Class 17 Confirmation Retreat –Grade 8 9:00–12:00 pm Auditorium 12:30 – 3:30 pm Auditorium (classes to be assigned)
4 9:15 am Pilot Program Students: St. Francis Rm. Parent: St. Michael's Rm. Grade 2: 10:30 am Mass	5 Class 18	6	7 Class 18 <u>Grade 7 & 8 Due:</u> Comm. Service Project Journal Gr. 7 - Staple in notebook Gr. 8 - Hand in class	8	9 Office Closed Holy Hour/Adoration (Dodgeball) 7:30 pm Seminary(Huntington)	10 Class 18
11 Grade 2: 12:00 noon Mass Grade 6: For the Ride Home	12 Class 19	13	14 Class 19 Grade 8 Guest Speaker: Fr. Brian Barr	15	16 Office Closed	17 Class 19
18 Grade 1: For the Ride Home	19 Class 20 Home Study Book Drop Off in school office 4:30-5:30 pm	20	21 Class 20 Home Study Book Drop Off in school office 4:30 - 5:30 pm or 6:45 -7:30 pm	22	23 Office Closed	24 Class 20 Home Study Book Drop Off in school office 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
25 Grade 3: For the Ride Home	26 Class 21	27	28 Class 21 <u>Gr. 7 Confirmation Notebook Check**</u> All Mass Reflections Letter to Pastor/Comm.Svc. Wedding&Baptism Summary (See Note on January 2012)	29	30 Office Closed All Grade 7 & 8 Mass Reflections Due by March 28th	31 Class 21

GRADE 5

Class	Class Work	
1	Chapter 1	
2	Chapter 2	
3	Chapter 3	
4	Chapter 4	
5	Chapter 5	
6	Chapter 13	Advent
7	Chapter 6	
8	Chapter 7	
9	Chapter 14	
10	Unit 1 Assessment	Page 71
11	Chapter 8/9	
12	Chapter 10	
13	Chapter 11	
14	Chapter 12	
15	Chapter 15	
16	Chapter 20	Lent
17	Unit 2 Assessment	Page 127
18	Chapter 16	
19	Chapter 17	
20	Chapter 21	Triduum
21	Chapter 27	Easter

GRADE 6

Class	Class Work	
1	Chapter 1	God's Revelation
2	Chapter 2	Creation
3	Chapter 3	People Turn From God
4	Chapter 5	The Patriarchs
5	Chapter 6	The Liturgical Year
6	Chapter 12/13	Advent
7	Chapter 7	Ordinary Time
8	Chapter 8 & 9	Enslaved People/Free People
9	Chapter 14	Christmas
10	Unit 1 Assessment	Page 91
11	Chapter 15	A Divided People (Israel)
12	Chapter 16	A Divided People (Judah)
13	Chapter 17	The Exile/Journey Home
14	Chapter 18	A Strong People
15	Chapter 19	God Fulfills His Promise
16	Chapter 20	Lent
17	Unit 2 Assessment	Page 167
18	Chapter 22/23	Jesus, Teacher, Healer
19	Chapter 21	Triduum
20	Chapter 27	Celebrating Easter
21	Chapter 28	Sharing Faith

These calendars are for the usual day the class meets.
Your child(ren)'s catechist may adjust it if your class meets another day.
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April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>PALM SUNDAY</i> 9:15 am Pilot Program <i>Students: St. Francis Rm.</i> <i>Parent: St. Michael's Rm.</i>	2 <i>No Class</i> <i>Holy Week</i>	3 Check e-mail for Registration Information	4	5 <i>Holy Thursday</i> <i>Office Closes at</i> <i>12:00 Noon</i>	6 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	7 <i>Closed</i> <i>Holy Saturday</i>
8 <i>Easter Sunday</i> <i>7:30 am Church</i> <i>9:00 am Church</i> <i>10:30 am Church</i> <i>10:45 am Auditorium</i> <i>12:00 pm noon Church</i> <i>12:15 pm Auditorium</i>	9 <i>Office Closed</i>	10 <i>Office Closed</i>	11 <i>Office Closed</i>	12 <i>Office Closed</i>	13 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Holy Hour/Adoration</i> <i>(Dodgeball)</i> <i>7:30 pm</i> <i>Seminary(Huntington)</i>	14 <i>Office Closed</i>
15	16 <i>Class 22</i> <i>Last Day of Monday</i> <i>Classes</i>	17	18 <i>Class 22</i> <i>Last Day of Wednesday</i> <i>Classes</i>	19	20 <i>Office Closed</i>	21 <i>Class 22</i> <i>Last Day of Saturday</i> <i>Classes</i>
22	23 <i>Possible Snow Make-up</i> <i>Day</i>	24	25 <i>Possible Snow Make-up</i> <i>Day</i>	26	27	28 <i>Possible Snow Make-up</i> <i>Day</i>
29	30	PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL DAILY!		For Information on Holy Hour/Adoration: Longislandpriest.com		

GRADE 7

Class	Class Work
9/28/2011	Parent Meeting 7:00 pm in Church
1	Chapter 1
2	Chapter 2
3	Chapter 3
4	Chapter 4
5	Chapter 5
6	Chapter 6/Advent Page 277
7	Chapter 7
8	Chapter 8/Christmas Page 281
9	Chapter 9
10	Chapter 10
11	Chapter 11
12	Chapter 12
13	Chapter 13
14	Chapter 14
15	Chapter 15
16	Chapter 16/Lent Page 285
17	Chapter 17
18	Chapter 18
19	Chapter 19
20	Chapter 20
21	Chapter 23/24 Triduum/Easter Page 289/293

Grade 8

Class	Class Work
1	We Live Our Faith Chapter 1/2
2	We Live Our Faith Chapter 3/4
3	We Live Our Faith Chapter 7/8
4	We Live Our Faith Chapter 9/10
5	We Live Our Faith Chapter 11/12 <i>(Take Home Unit 2 Assessment due next class)</i>
6	Spirit Sets Us Free Chapter 1
7	Spirit Sets Us Free Chapter 2
8	Spirit Sets Us Free Chapter 3 We Live Our Faith and Pages 278 & 279
9	Spirit Sets Us Free Chapter 4
10	Spirit Sets Us Free Chapter 5 We Live Our Faith and Pages 282 & 283
11	Spirit Sets Us Free Chapter 6
12	We Live Our Faith Chapter 13/14
13	We Live Our Faith Chapter 15/16
14	We Live Our Faith Chapter 17
15	We Live Our Faith Chapter 18
16	We Live Our Faith Chapter 19/20
17	We Live Our Faith Chapter 21/22 (and Pages 286 & 287)
18	We Live Our Faith Chapter 23/24
19	We Live Our Faith Chapter 5/6
20	End of Year Assessment <small>(to be completed in class)</small>
21	We Live Our Faith Pages 290-300

Students in 7th & 8th grade will participate in 2 interviews, one per year.

The 7th grade interview will take place in the fall and the 8th grade interview will be a month or so before Confirmation.

May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL DAILY!	1 <i>Communion Rehearsal 4pm, 5pm & 6pm in the church</i>	2 <i>Communion Rehearsal 4pm & 5 pm In the church</i>	3 <i>Last Day for Early Bird Registration (see note at bottom)**</i>	4 <i>Office Closed</i>	5 <i>First Communion (classes to be announced) 9:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm</i>
6 <i>9:15 am Pilot Program Students: St. Francis Rm. Parents: St. Michael's Rm. First Communion 9 am & 12:00 Noon</i>	7 <i>Communion Rehearsal 4pm & 5pm in the Church</i>	8	9 <i>(Tentative) Confirmation Practice: 6:45 pm & 8:15pm</i>	10	11 <i>Office Closed Holy Hour/Adoration (Dodgeball) 7:30 pm Seminary(Huntington)</i>	12 <i>First Communion (classes to be announced) 11:00 am 1:00 pm</i>
13 <i>Mother's Day</i>	14 <i>Communion Rehearsal 4pm & 5 pm in the church</i>	15 <i>(Tentative) Confirmation Practice 6:45 pm</i>	16	17 <i>Feast of the Ascension</i>	18 <i>Office Closed</i>	19 <i>First Communion (Alternate) 5:30 pm</i>
20 <i>First Communion (classes to be announced) 9am</i>	21	22 <i>Tentative Confirmation</i>	23 <i>Tentative Confirmation</i>	24	25	26
27 <i>Pentecost</i>	28 <i>Memorial Day Office Closed</i>	29 <i>Tentative Confirmation</i>	30	31 <i>*Actual Confirmation date determined by Bishop's Office</i>	For Information on Holy Hour/Adoration: Longislandpriest.com	**Early Bird must be postmarked on or before May 3rd if registering through mail.

STAGE I – INITIATION (A Two-Year Process)

Grade 1: *We Believe: God Loves Us*

God as our Father: The Blessed Trinity; Jesus, God's greatest Gift, The Great Commandment; Jesus died and rose; The Holy Spirit; The Catholic Church and the sacraments; living as followers of Jesus.

Grade 2: *We Believe and Celebrate Penance and Communion*

Jesus as the Son of God; discipleship, sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist; sacrament of forgiveness; God's laws – the Ten Commandments, the Great Commandment; celebration of the Eucharist – the Mass; called to love and serve.

STAGE II – FORMATION (Four-Year Process)

Grade 3: *We Believe: We Are The Church*

God, the Son, as one of us; the Kingdom of God; the Holy Spirit and Pentecost; discipleship and sharing the good news; the four marks of the Church; the Church as the Body of Christ; importance of prayer; parish as home; called to holiness; celebrating the sacraments; the Mass; continuing the work of Jesus in the world.

Grade 4: *We Believe: God's Law Guides Us*

Jesus – the Way, the Truth and the Life; Jesus Christ as Savior; The Beatitudes; sin and conscience; God's forgiveness in the sacrament of Reconciliation; the Ten Commandments; strengthened by the Eucharist; responsible members of the Church; discipleship and virtues.

Grade 5: *We Believe: We Meet Jesus in the Sacraments*

Jesus Christ's mission and the Church; liturgy and the Paschal Mystery; witnessing to Christ; celebrating the seven sacraments – initiation, healing and service; preparing to complete our initiation in Confirmation; the Church – one, holy, catholic and apostolic working for peace and justice.

Grade 6: *We Believe: We Are God's People*

Understanding our roots; Divine Revelation; the Bible (Old Testament); covenants; our ancestors in faith; Ten Commandments; prophets; God's Promise Fulfilled; Jesus and the new covenant; the Church begins.

STAGE III – WITNESS (Two Year Process)

Grade 7: *We Believe: We Live Our Faith-As Disciples of Jesus*

Greater understanding of morality and Christian living; free will; virtues; beatitudes, discipleship; covenant; Ten Commandments; sin; violence; sexuality; respect; choice and decision making; service. A renewal of essential beliefs of the Catholic Church that addresses the interests, questions, and concerns of the young people; a deeper understanding of what it means to be Catholic.

Grade 8: *We Believe: We Live Our Faith-As Members of the Church*

Develop a greater understanding of the Church and what it means to be a member of the Church; more fully comprehend what Jesus meant by the kingdom of God; grow in appreciation for the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church and in the world; explore the meaning of the Church as “the Body of Christ.”

June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL DAILY!					1 <i>Office Closed</i>	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 <i>Office Closed</i>	9
10	11 <i>New Student Registration</i> <i>9:30—11:30 am</i> <i>1:30—3:00 pm</i>	12 <i>New Student Registration</i> <i>9:30—11:30 am</i> <i>1:30—3:00 pm</i>	13 <i>New Student Registration</i> <i>9:30—11:30 am</i> <i>1:30- 3:00 pm</i>	14 <i>New Student Registration</i> <i>9:30—11:30 am</i> <i>1:30 – 3:00 pm</i>	15 <i>Office Closed</i>	16
17 <i>Father's Day</i>	18	19	20	21	22 <i>Office Closed</i>	23
24	25	26	27	28 <i>Office Closed until</i> <i>Tuesday, September 4th.</i>	29	30

Sequence of Prayers and Practices to be Memorized

To assist parents in ensuring the children have a basic familiarity with the prayers and practices of our tradition, catechists will encourage the children to “learn by heart” or memorize certain prayers and practices each year. Parents are asked to practice these prayers with your child.

Stage I, Grade 1

(Stage I Preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist)

The children should “learn by heart”:

- Sign of the Cross
- Our Father
- Hail Mary

Stage I, Grade 2

(Stage I Preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist)

The children should “learn by heart”:

- *The prayers for Grade 2*
- Act of Contrition
- Glory to the Father
- Grace before Meals

Stage II, Grade 3

The children should “learn by heart”:

- *The prayers for Grades 1 & 2*
- Apostles Creed
- Know the seven sacraments

Stage II, Grade 4

The children should “learn by heart”:

- *The prayers for Grades 1, 2, 3*
- Holy, Holy, Holy (from Mass)
- Basic knowledge of Ten Commandments
- Basic knowledge of Beatitudes

Stage II, Grade 5

The children should “learn by heart”:

- *The prayers and practices for Grades 1, 2, 3, 4*
- “Gloria” from Mass
- Definitions of the seven sacraments
- Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy
- Precepts of the Church

Stage II, Grade 6

The children should “learn by heart”:

- *The prayers and practices for Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5*
- Holy Days of Obligation
- A basic knowledge of How to Use the Bible
- Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

*The expectation is that upon completion of **Stage I**, Grades 1 & 2 and **Stage II**, Grades 3, 4, 5, & 6 (prior to acceptance into the Confirmation Preparation Process), the children will have mastered all of the above listed prayers and practices.*

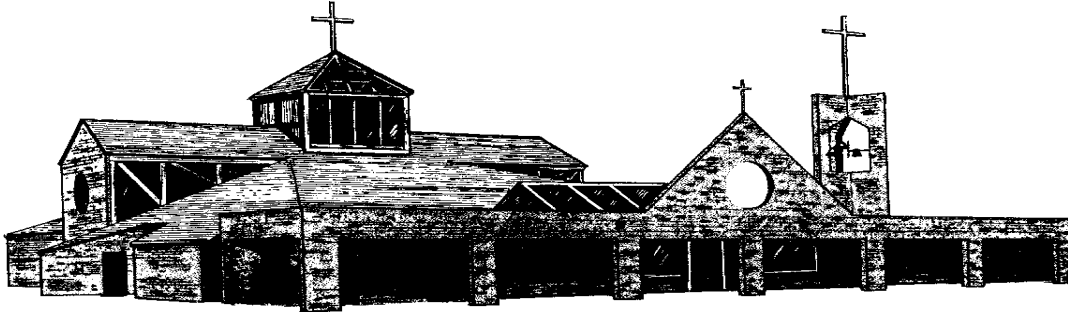
Stage III, Grade 7 and 8

The children should “learn by heart”:

- *The prayers and practices for Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6*
- Nicene Creed
- The Precepts of the Church
- The Parts of the Mass

In addition, the students in the 7th grade will participate in an interview in the Fall. The 8th grade will also participate in an interview in the winter, prior to Confirmation.

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I have read the handbook and understand, the policy of the Maria Regina Faith Formation/Religious Education Program, including the Stewardship process. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have received and reviewed the Religious Education (Parent/Catechist) Handbook/Calendar of Maria Regina Parish. I agree to abide by the policies set forth in this handbook:

Parent or Guardian Signature

Printed Name

Date

Child/Children's Name(s)

