

All Saints Catholic Church

Parish School of Religion

2018/2019



Dear Parents,

Welcome to All Saints' Parish School of Religion! We look forward to working with you and your children this year. This handbook covers everything you need to know about the Parish School of Religion at All Saints. Please read it carefully and note those dates that pertain specifically to your child.

Fill out an application for each child who will be attending. Please note we have two applications. One is for the one-week summer program and the other is for either the Monday or Tuesday session. We are constantly updating our records so your accuracy is important. Mail the applications back to us or deliver them in person as soon as possible. The deadline for the one-week summer program is May 11, 2018. The deadline for the Monday/Tuesday Sessions is August 3, 2018. At the teachers' request, we are holding class size to 12 students so first come, first served. Your cancelled check will be your receipt. Teachers will call students with their classroom assignment prior to the first day of class.

If your child is in the Second Grade, we would appreciate your including a copy of their Baptismal Certificate with the application unless they were baptized at All Saints.

The volunteers and the staff have planned a wonderful program, but we are only part of the educational process. We are very much aware of the fact that parents are the primary educators of their children in the ways of faith and our role is simply to help and support you. Our role is made very difficult and is very much diminished if there is poor attendance by your child at class, and a failure to review the classroom lessons with your child at home. Also there is little point for our teachers to stress the importance of prayer and Mass attendance if the children see that these are neglected in the home.

The children will be exposed to a variety of Catholic traditions this year, but the exposure means so much more if these traditions are important to you and your family. You will be invited to all of our special family functions, and we look forward to your family joining us.

You, as parents, are the most important part of our team, and we welcome your comments and your suggestions. Please feel free to call our office with any suggestions you might have.

Sincerely,

Dozie Bowen
Director

**ALL SAINTS
PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION**

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SESSION SCHEDULE

One-Week Summer Session
June 4-8, 2018
Grades 1, 3, 4 and 5

September 10/11, 2018 – April 22/23, 2019
Grades Kindergarden – 5 grade and RCIC (Monday 4:45-6 p.m.)
Grades Kindergarden – 5 grade (Tuesday 5:00-6:15 p.m.)

Fee: \$90/student or \$135 for a family of 2 or more

SACRAMENTS

Children in second grade must have been baptized in the Roman Catholic Church in order to receive Reconciliation and First Eucharist. A baptism certificate must be turned into the Religious Education office as soon as possible.

The Office of the Archbishop of Atlanta is requiring those students who are planning to make their First Penance and receive their First Communion during the 2019/2020 school year to be enrolled in First Grade in either a Parish School of Religion class or Catholic School during the 2018/2019 school year.

FIRST RECONCILIATION will be held on Saturday, December 1 at 10.30 a.m. The parents meeting will be held on Thursday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 14 at 1:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. One parent must attend one of these meetings.

FIRST COMMUNION will take place on Saturday, April 27 at 10:00 a.m. The parents meetings will be held on Sunday, February 3 at 1:30 p.m and Thursday, February 7 at 7 pm. One parent must attend one of these meetings. Practices will be held Wednesday, April 17 and April 24, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. Good conduct, regular attendance and on-time arrival for class is expected from all students. All classes will be held in classrooms. Permission will not be granted for meetings outside the parish setting.
2. Homework may be part of your child's course this year. Parents should be familiar with their child's textbook; so please take time each class to check homework or discuss what has been learned.
3. Textbooks should be brought to class each week.
4. Announcements pertaining to the Parish School of Religion are published weekly in the parish bulletin. Please read these announcements.
5. Dismissal Procedure: Kindergarten students must be picked up at the classroom doors. All other students will be dismissed from the Front Door of the Parish Center. Cars should line up in the circle in front of the Parish Center. Both the children and the drivers must practice caution.
6. Students age 8 and older who have not yet received Baptism or First Eucharist will participate in an initiation process. Please call Dozie Bowen (ext. 19) for details.

**DATES FOR PSR CLASSES
2018/2019**

Monday/Tuesday

**September 10 and 11
September 17 and 18
September 24 and 25**

October 1 and 2

October 8 and 9 NO CLASSES COLUMBUS DAY

October 15 and 16

October 22 and 23

October 29 and 30

November 5 and 6

NO CLASS – ELECTION DAY

November 12 and 13

November 19 and 20 NO CLASS - Thanksgiving

November 26 and 27

December 3 and 4

December 10 and 11

December 17 and 18 NO CLASSES - CHRISTMAS

December 24 and 25 NO CLASSES - CHRISTMAS

Dec 31 & Jan 1 NO CLASSES - NEW YEAR'S

January 7 and 8

January 14 and 15

January 21 and 22 NO CLASS - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR

January 28 and 29

February 4 and 5

February 11 and 12

February 18 and 19 NO CLASS – PRESIDENTS' DAY

February 25 and 26

March 4 and 5

March 11 and 12

March 18 and 19

March 25 and 26

April 1 and 2

NO CLASS - SPRING BREAK

April 8 and 9

April 15 and 16

April 22 and 23 LAST CLASS

- CURRICULUM -

STORIES OF GOD'S LOVE – RCL Benziger (K)

BLEST ARE WE – Silver Burdett (Grades 1-5)

Faith in Action Edition

- Grade 1 This text focuses on the theme of the Trinity, God the Creator, Jesus, His Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- Grade 2 The emphasis shifts to a study of the Sacraments as the children review Baptism and prepare for the reception of Eucharist and Reconciliation.
- Grade 3 The Church is the focus of this text as the students learn about the beliefs held by Catholics.
- Grade 4 Morality is emphasized in this text through a study of the beatitudes and of Jesus as the example of Christian living.
- Grade 5 The seven Sacraments are presented as sacred signs and celebrations in this text.
- Special Ed Children with special education needs are assigned to a special ed teacher and mainstreamed into a class on their grade level.

School Year 2018/2019

DISCIPLINE POLICY

According to the document on education from Vatican II, the parents are the primary religious educators of their children.

It is our function to help the parents in their work.

Our teachers are all volunteers working with about twelve students per class. The behavior of one cannot interfere with the learning of the others in the class. Our policy, therefore, is as follows:

If a teacher finds it impossible to meet the needs of the entire group due to the disruptive behavior of one, that disruptive child will be removed from the classroom. The administrator will then call the parents to take the child home. The child will only be readmitted to class if accompanied by the parents to the following class for discussion with the teacher.

If the child is unable to function in the community of the classroom, the parents will be given appropriate materials for his or her religious education in the home.

Monsignor Hugh Marren

Pastor

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Young peoples' mass at the 8:45 mass.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Back to School	School Supplies for IOH
Thanksgiving	Food Boxes for IOH
Advent/ Christmas	Support existing parish projects
Lent/Easter	Rice Bowls
VBS/Summer PSR	St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection
On Going	Pull for the Ronald McDonald House
On Going	Children's Book Collection – Christ Child Society

FAMILY EVENTS

August 5, 2018	Back to School Blessing – 8:45 mass/ 10:30 mass
September 29, 2018	Blessing of the Animals - 10:00 am – in front of church
October 29, 2018	Children's Living Rosary - 5:30 pm - Social Hall
December 10, 2018	Christmas Pageant - 5:30 pm in the church
April 15, 2019	Children's Stations of the Cross - 5:30 pm in church
May 5, 2019	May Crowning 8:45 mass

ONE WEEK PSR

June 3-7, 2019	8:45am – 2:00pm
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 10-14, 2019	9:00am – noon.
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TEACHER and ASSISTANT EVENTS

Saturday August 18, 2018	Atlanta Catechist Conference
Saturday August 25, 2018	Teacher meeting 8:30-11am

CHAMPS – FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE YOUTH GROUP

Saturday, September 29, 2018 - Blessing of the Animals
Saturday, November 3, 2018
Saturday, January 12, 2019
Saturday, February 2, 2019
Saturday, March 2, 2019