

About Mass...

Family Liturgy: Sundays @ 10:00 AM

Geared to the developmental understanding of our children, this Mass offers each of us thoughtful insight as to how we can best carry out the Gospel message in our daily lives. The Children's Choir and Adult Choir alternate providing uplifting worship music ranging from traditional to contemporary.

LIFE TEEN Liturgy: Sunday @ 6:00 PM

Though specifically geared to our teens, LIFE TEEN Mass is enjoyed by parishioners of all ages. Homilies are relevant to today's society and aim to bring us to a deeper understanding of the Gospel. Our LIFE TEEN band provides upbeat & contemporary music each week.

Traditional Masses are also held on Saturdays at 4:00 PM with cantor/accompanist and Sunday mornings at 7:30 AM without music.

Attendance & Cancellations

Mass Attendance

Mass is the central focus of our Catholic faith and our religious education program. It is through the celebration of the Eucharist that our individual relationships with Jesus can truly develop and grow. We expect that Mass will be a priority and be attended regularly by students and their families.

Class Attendance Policy

Given the limited number of classes held throughout the year, it is imperative that student absences are limited to *no more than three for students grades 1-5 and no more than one for middle and high school students*. Excessive absences may result in make ups or the repetition of that program year.

Storm Cancellations

Weekend storm cancellations are broadcast on WBZ Radio and on Channel 4, 5, & 7 TV News. You may also call the Religious Ed. office at 781.893.8461 for updated voice messages concerning cancellations. We will also post to social media using Twitter (@SHCWaltham) and the "Sacred Heart Church, Waltham" page on Facebook

Safety and Behavior Policies

Parents of students in grades Pre-K thru 5 are **expected** to bring their children to and from religious education classes by entering the building with them and waiting until the catechist/monitor on duty arrives before leaving them.

For safety reasons we cannot allow children to wait in or walk unattended through the parking area. We will hold students in the building until a parent comes to get them. We ask that parents park in marked spaces when coming to and from the building with their children.

All catechists/volunteers have submitted to CORI background checks and participated in our own parish safety training as well as in the Archdiocesan "Protecting God's Children" Program.

Children in need of First Aid will be sent to the Rel. Ed Office. In the event of serious illness or injury parents or emergency contacts will be notified immediately. Emergency drills for safe exiting of the building will be reviewed in all classes.

Students are expected to display appropriate behavior suitable to a Christian environment during classes, retreats, special events, etc. Parents will be notified if their child/teen is disruptive in class or disrespectful to classmates, catechists or church property. Consequences will be issued as needed and may include students being accompanied to class by a parent or expulsion from a program, event, retreat, etc.

Theme: "Love is our Mission"



Love is the bond that holds steadfast both family and society. For this reason, love is the fundamental mission of the family and the sanctuary of the family home. This year, as our Holy Father calls together families, we invite you to be part of this celebration by joining us for the various family centered liturgies, retreat experiences, events and social activities that will be offered throughout the year.

Sacred Heart Church Religious Education Schedule 2015 - 2016

Class for all grades are held on Sundays

Pre-K to Grade 5

Session A: 8:30 - 9:45 AM
Session B: 10:45 - 12:00 PM
Session C: 4:30 - 5:45 PM



THE EDGE — Grade 6-8

Sunday 4:30 – 5:45 PM



LIFE TEEN: R.O.C — Grade 9 & 10

Sunday 6:00 – 7:15 PM (**starts in the church with the 6PM Mass, so please be on time*)



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Elementary (Grade Pre-K thru 5)

September 27* Open House and BBQ
October 4, 18, 25
November 1, 8, 15*, 22
December 6, 13
January 3, 10, 24, 31
February 21, 28
March 6, 13, 20
April 3, 10, 24

*Sun. Nov. 15th Grade 5 classes will travel to St. John Seminary (Time TBA) for a special lesson on Holy Orders. This will take place of regular classes for Gr. 5 that day. All other grades will meet at their usual times.

Grade Level Masses

In addition to the regular class dates listed above, elementary students in each grade will be expected and encouraged to participate in their grade's assigned 10:00 AM Mass on the following dates:

All Students & Their Pets - Oct. 4th: Blessing of the Pets Outdoor Mass

Grade 3 - Oct. 18th: World Mission Sunday

All Grades - Nov. 1st: Feast of All Saints

Grade 4 - Nov. 8th: Mass for Veteran's

Grade Pre-K, K & 1 - Dec. 6th: Advent Liturgy

Grade 5 - Jan. 10th: Feast of the Baptism

All Scouts (Boys & Girls) - Feb. 21st: Scout Sunday honoring all Boy and Girl Scouts

Grade 2 - March 13th: Lenten Liturgy

The Edge (Grade 6-8)

September 27* Open House and BBQ
October 4 and 18
November 1 and 22
December 13
January 3 and 24
February 21* (Edge Retreat—see below)
March 6
April 3

*Edge Retreat:

Sunday, Feb. 21st in the Parish Hall
2:00—7:00 PM

R.O.C (Grade 9 - 10)

September 27* Open House and BBQ
October 4* Student/Parent Orientation Meeting 6-8 PM
October 25
November 8
December 6
January 10
Jan. 31 Retreat Reunion —Gr. 10 only
February 28
March 20

Freshman Retreat (Grade 9):

Sunday, March 13th in the Parish Hall 12 —7:00 PM

Sophomore Retreats (Teens & Parents):

See *Sacramental Info.* box on the right for details.

Service & Ministry Requirements

Teens (Gr. 9&10) will receive worksheets outlining the four elements of service and ministry required of them throughout their preparation. They are responsible for fulfilling requirements, completing the sheet and returning it by April 3rd.

Sacramental Info. (Grade 2: Penance & Eucharist)

Penance Retreat*

Sun. Nov. 1st 11-12:30 in the Hall

Sacrament of First Penance

Saturday, Jan. 9th 10:00 AM –12:30 PM*
(Snow Date: Sat. March 5th)

Communion Retreat*

Sun. March 6th 11-12:30 in the Hall

Communion Rehearsal

Wed. May 4th 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Celebration of First Holy Communion

Saturday, May 7th @ 11:00 AM

**On retreat days, students in Gr. 2 will not meet during their regular class session times.*

Sacramental Info. (Grade 10: Confirmation)

Parent Retreat & Meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 1st from 6:30 – 9:00 PM

**At least one parent/guardian must attend.*

If you attended the parent retreat once in the past three years, attendance is optional.

Sophomore Overnight Retreat

Saturday, January 16th @ 8:00 AM —

Sunday, January 17th @ 8:00 PM

Confirmation Rehearsal

Sunday, April 10th 6:00—8:00 PM

Celebration of Confirmation

Saturday, April 16th @ 11 AM