

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Saint Genevieve’s Religious Education Program primarily aims to teach the children and youth the fundamental truths of our Catholic Faith through the Sacred Scripture and Traditions. This program provides assistance to the parents in the spiritual and moral formation of their children and youth.

Our mission goals are: To provide a formal religious education that is continuous, developing, and experiential; to help parents lead their children to an awareness of God’s presence in their lives and to realize that Christian living is their response to God’s love; and to encourage an active participation in the life of the Catholic Church through the Sacraments and Liturgy.

In summary, our mission is this: to teach the Christian Catholic doctrine; to shape and mold the moral character of the child and young people; and to build a strong, vibrant, and solid Saint Genevieve Parish community of faith, believers in Jesus Christ and His teachings.

**PHILOSOPHY**

The family is the primary unit of the society and of the Church. The vocation of parenthood calls each father and mother to be the child’s first educators. By this special vocation each parent is entrusted with the special duty to begin his/her child’s education with the special formation in the life of Christ as a Catholic. Basic to this formation is the genuine Christian love that the parents have for their children because they are children of God.

The purpose of Religious Education Program at Saint Genevieve’s Church is to assist parents in this task by providing formal religious education for the children and young adults. The entire staff is equipped to provide the children and youth with a sound knowledge of the fundamental truths of our Catholic faith and lead them to the realization that their Christian living is their response to God’s love.

The cooperative effort of parents, priests, and educators will help in the spiritual formation of the child and young adult so that they will be able to make their choices and decisions that are in accord with the gospel message of Jesus.

**GOALS**

- To build a community of faith within the program in order to emphasize that the priests, catechists, parents, and students believe in Jesus and his teachings.
- To help parents in leading their children to an awareness of the presence of God in their lives so that they can grow in free and conscious faith response within the Church.
- To seek to teach persons not text and programs.
- To provide religious education that is continuous, developing, and experiential.
- To encourage parents to share in the preparation of their children for the reception of the Sacraments.
- To bring the parish community to see that religious education is the primary task of all the members.

**POLICIES**

**REGISTRATION:** Students already enrolled in the program have to re-register each spring.

**REGISTRATION AND OTHER FEES:**

K-8 <sup>th</sup>	<u>1 child \$55.00</u>	<u>2 children \$85.00</u>
	<u>3 or more \$105.00</u>	
First Communion Sacramental Fee		<u>\$40.00</u>
(H.S) Confirmation Sacramental Fee		<u>\$100.00</u>

**ATTENDANCE:** Students are required to attend classes as well as Sunday Liturgy or Mass regularly. Perfect attendance will receive recognition at the end of the year.

**CLASS VISITOR:** When class is in session no parent or any adult is permitted to stay in class unless a permit was arranged in the office.

**DRESS CODE:** Students are required to dress appropriately.

**ABSENCES:** Parents will be notified if students missed 5 or more consecutive classes without permission; otherwise will be dropped from the program. Parents must notify the office in case of absence due to health and other related issues.

**HOMEWORK:** Homework is assigned to the students as a follow-up to classroom instructions which encourages parents to get involved. Students are required to bring their textbooks to class always.

**DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL:** In case of misdemeanor or discourteous behavior, parents are notified right away;

otherwise a plan of action will take place. We expect the student to follow the outlined policies of the program. We reserve the right to suspend or dismiss the student. Before the student is dismissed, proper communication will take place between parents and staff.

**PROGRESS CATECHIST’S REPORT:** Students will receive Catechist’s Report twice a year, in January and in May. This is a progress report of the teacher or catechist about the student’s objective knowledge based on tests, class participation, demeanor, homework, and attendance.

**PROMOTION:** Promotion is not automatic. There is an objective knowledge content to be learned on each grade level and the student is required to complete the required course. Attendance, knowledge content, and ethics play important roles in the promotion.

**COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS:** We used various ways to communicate with the parents: Phone, Email, Leaflet, Handbook, Calendar, Newsletter, Memos, and Church Bulletin. We encourage the parent to make an effort to read the materials sent home.

**PRAYERS AND CONCEPTS FOR EACH GRADE LEVEL**

Grades	Prayers	Concepts
<b>K</b>	Sign of the Cross Grace at Meals Guardian Angel	Trinity & Creation
<b>1</b>	Sign of the Cross Glory Be, Hail Mary Our Father	Trinity Sin & Forgiveness
<b>2</b>	Act of Contrition Responses at Mass	How to Go to Confession Reconciliation & Eucharist
<b>3</b>	Apostles’ Creed, Gloria	Seven Sacraments
<b>4</b>	How to Pray the Rosary Hail Holy Queen	Ten Commandments Two Greatest Commandments
<b>5</b>	Mysteries of the Rosary Angelus, Memorare Magnificat	Seven Sacraments (Name, Identify, Categorize)
<b>6</b>	Psalms	5 Books of Pentateuch Literary Forms of the OT
<b>7</b>	Nicene Creed	Four Gospel Writers Beatitudes, Works of Mercy Precepts of the Church
<b>8</b>	Prayer to the Holy Spirit All Prayers at Mass	Gifts & Fruits of Holy Spirit Outline of the Mass The Liturgical Year

## CURRICULUM FOR EACH GRADE LEVEL

- K → God Loves Us
- 1 → God & Creator
- 2 → Eucharist & Reconciliation
  
- 3 → Church & Holy Spirit
- 4 → Beatitudes & Ten Commandments
- 5 → Sacraments & Worship
  
- 6 → Old Testament
- 7 → New Testament/ Jesus Christ
- 8 → Church History

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

### BAPTISM

- Children of catechetical age must attend a **one full year** of Catechetical instructions prior to receiving the sacrament.
- Parents must consult the Pastor or Associate for further information and guidance.
- A copy of **Birth Certificate** is required upon registration.

### RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST OR HOLY COMMUNION

- Children in **second grade** or **7 years of age** are those who are receiving catechetical preparation and instructions about these sacraments.
- Children of catechetical age from **3<sup>rd</sup> grade and higher grades** will attend parish catechetical instructions for **two full years** prior to receiving the sacraments.
- Copy of **Baptismal Certificate** is required upon registration.
- Children are encouraged to attend classes and Parish **Sunday Liturgy or Mass regularly**.
- Parents are required to attend **meetings and other related activities**.
- **Readiness** and other criteria must be met prior to receiving these sacraments for the first time.

## SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY CLASS

9:15 AM ARRIVAL  
9:20 AM CLASS BEGINS  
10:20 AM DISMISSAL

**ARRIVAL:** School Main Front Entrance (Princeton Road)

**DISMISSAL LOCATION:** School Annex Bldg. Playground  
(Corner of Princeton Road & Wyoming Ave)

### PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Dismissal Procedures to follow

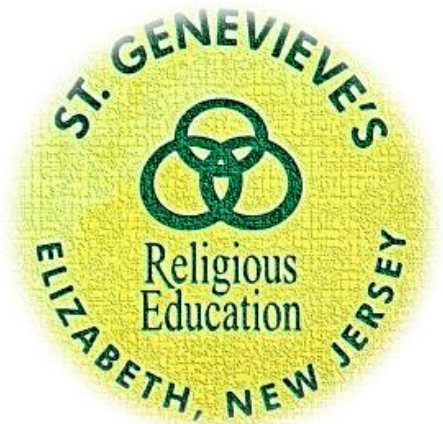
- By **10:25 AM**, students **not picked-up on time** will be escorted by their teachers to the Church.
- **In case of rainy or snowy weather:**
  - ❖ **K to 4<sup>th</sup> grades** will be dismissed from their classrooms.
  - ❖ **5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grades** wait for their parents at first floor hallway by class order and exit the school main door.
  - ❖ **Older siblings** will join their younger brother or sister when the bell rings for dismissal, so parents can pick them up together.
  - ❖ Parents or authorized persons of students **attending the 10:30 AM Mass** can use the exits to the Church.
  - ❖ Parents or authorized persons of students **not attending the 10:30 AM Mass** will exit the school main door.
- Be sure to notify the office in writing if you authorize someone to pick up your child.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD  
EVERY 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY  
OF THE MONTH  
10:30 AM MASS**

### OTHER IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Parents will be notified if a **change in schedule** occurs.
- In case of severe storm and inclement weather, all classes will automatically be cancelled.
- **CAFÉ GEN'S** is hosted by parish organizations every Sunday to welcome and serve parishioners refreshments **after attending 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses**.
- Please direct your **concerns** to the Director if any problem arises.

## GUIDELINES & POLICIES



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