



Christ the Redeemer Parish

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Summer Religious Education Program 2022 July 11th – July 22nd

It's less than one week until our Summer Session begins! We are so excited to spend the week with your children exploring our Catholic faith and growing as disciples of Jesus.

Start Date

Classes begin on Monday, July 11 at the Pastoral Center (2122 Cooper Road, Atco, NJ 08004). Please drop your child off at the far end of the school building to enter via the side door. There will be a teacher there to greet them. Doors open at 8:45 am. We will start promptly at 9:00 am.

Snack

Please send a water bottle, nut-free snack and drink each day with your child. All classes will have a snack break at 10:45am each day and will go outside if the weather permits.

Supplies

Students in Grades 1-4 will need to bring a folder and 2 sharpened pencils with them each day. Students in Grades 5-8 will need to bring a folder and 2 pens or pencils. Textbooks, activity books and all other art materials will be provided.

Attire

The Religious Education Center is air conditioned, so students should dress accordingly. In addition to religion lessons, we will have special sessions of art/prayer and daily visits to the Church. Please NO tank tops, flip flops, crocs or sandals. Sneakers or other comfortable shoes are preferred. Shorts and skirts should be a modest length and any t-shirt logos should be appropriate for Church.

COVID-19 Prevention Strategies

Masks are not required but may be worn. ***If your child shows any signs of infectious illness (fever, cough, headache, nausea or vomiting, etc.), please keep them home.*** In cases of illness, their absence will be excused.

Sunday Mass and Family Event – Christmas in July

On Sunday, July 17, we will have a Summer Session Family Mass at 9am at Assumption Church. ALL students should attend with a parent or guardian. Please check in with Ms. Power at the table in the vestibule when you arrive. Immediately following Mass, we will celebrate Christmas in July in the parish hall with donuts, juice, and coffee and Life Lessons from the Holy Family. Santa may also make a guest appearance!

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

Those children who have already made their First Reconciliation will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament on Tuesday, July 19. Teachers will review with them how to go to confession.

Mass

We will have a Summer Session Mass on Thursday, July 21 at 11am in Assumption Church. All family members are welcome to attend.

Safety Lessons

This year, the diocesan mandated safety lessons, VIRTUS: Empowering God's Children, will be presented on Thursday, July 21. Lesson 1: Physical Boundaries and Lesson 2: Safe Adults, Safe Touches will be presented by Mrs. Kathy Benton, RN and can be previewed at <https://christtheredeemer.us/virtus>. If you would prefer that your child not participate, we will provide an opt-out form for you to sign.

Holy Hour

We will have a special Holy Hour of Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, July 22 at 11am. Music will be led by Jeffrey Shields of Forgotten Truth Ministries. All family members are welcome to attend.

Service Project

To put our faith into action this week, we will be collecting items to make Blessing Bags for the Homeless which will be distributed in Camden and Philadelphia by the Unforgotten Haven.

Suggested donations:

Grade 1 – 6 ChapStick and 6 toothbrushes

Grade 2 – 6 travel size toothpastes and 6 travel size men's deodorant

Grade 3 – 1 box of granola bars and 6 pack of peanut butter crackers

Grade 4 – 6 travel size shampoo and 6 washcloths

Grade 5 – 6 travel packs of tissues and 6 small bars of soap

Grade 6 – 1 box of granola bars and 6 pack of peanut butter crackers

Grade 7 – 6 travel size conditioner and 6 pairs of men's socks

Grade 8 – 3 ChapStick, 3 toothbrushes, 3 toothpastes

Pick up

Pick up is at 1:00 pm. Please park your car and walk over to the center glass doors to pick up your child. No child will be permitted to walk across the parking lot without an adult.

It is our hope that this Summer Session will help your children develop a love and excitement for Jesus that will keep their faith alive in their hearts for a lifetime! If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at 856-767-0719 or religioused@christtheredeemer.us

May God bless you and your family!

Laurie Power

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