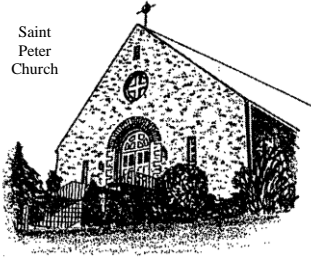
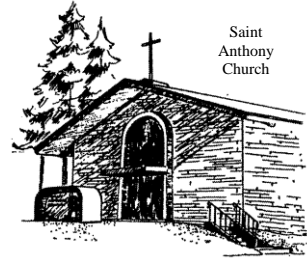


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Dear Parents,

Greetings from the office of Religious Education at Saint Peter Parish! I hope you and your family are enjoying these summer months. As you are in “Back to School” mode, we at Saint Peter Parish are also excitedly planning for the new year of Religious Education. The Church continually reminds us that parents are the first educators of the “faith, prayer, and all the virtues” (Catechism §2252), and we are honored to be a part of the formation of these young people.

As the parishes in our grouping move towards becoming one parish, we are finding more ways to grow together. One such way is by having one calendar and registration form. Families from any parish in our grouping may choose to register at any Religious Education site in our grouping.

**Class meetings, locations, and registration:** Faith Formation classes will begin on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Classes start at 9:45am and conclude at 11:10am, except for Pre-School and Kindergarten which end at 11:00am. Seventh and Eighth grade students will meet in the Chapel in the Newman Center, and Pre-School through 6th grade students will meet in the Auditorium of the McKay Education Building on the Slippery Rock Campus.

When the students in Pre-school through 6th grade arrive, please bring them directly to the Auditorium of the McKay Building, which is accessible through the door that leads to the parking lot. Once in the Auditorium, students will sit with their grade level. After a brief opening presentation, students will go to their classrooms with their Catechists.

When it is time for dismissal, students will also leave from the Auditorium. Especially for the parents of the younger children, we ask that you come into the Auditorium to get them, to ensure their safety. Anytime children need to leave early, please send a note.

Included, please find a registration form. You may return this through the mail, at the Parish office, or by placing it in the collection basket at Mass. A fee of \$20.00/ child or \$50.00/ family helps with the cost of classroom rental, books, and supplies. If a financial hardship arises, please let me know. No child will be turned away due to financial concerns.

Forms can also be found on-line at: [www.rockcatholic.org](http://www.rockcatholic.org).

**Student Masses and Schedule:** In addition to the registration form, enclosed please find a schedule for the academic year and dates that various classes will be asked to help with the 11:30am Mass at St. Peter Church. When a particular grade helps with Mass, their class also will be held at the church, not the McKay building. If the child can not stay for the Mass, please pick him or her up at the church at 11:10am.

**Weather Advisory:** In the event of a snowstorm, notice of the cancellation will be posted on the local news stations (WPXI, WTAE, and KDKA) as well as on KDKA newsradio. For any such alerts, I will also try to notify families via email in a timely manner.

**Classroom Etiquette:** Catechists, substitute teachers, aides, and the volunteers dedicate a significant amount of time to the Church and your children in order to teach them the faith. We are so grateful for the sacrifices they make. With this in mind, we ask you to remind your children that good behavior and positive participation is expected. We ask that students leave cellphones at home or turn them off before coming to class, so that they will not be tempted to text during class and there will not be a disruption from phones ringing. Any behavioral concerns may be addressed by contacting parents. If problems persist, for the good of the class, parents may be asked to attend class with the child or homeschool the child for a period of time. Thank you for your help in creating a positive environment in which to learn and pray.

**Safe Environment:** In accordance with State laws, in the Diocese of Pittsburgh all adults interacting with children and youth are required to obtain clearances and take a one-time “Protecting God’s Children” course. We encourage parents to consider taking this one-time course, so they may be able to volunteer with kids in the parish. Additionally, those responsible for teaching CCD are required to take a state-run “Act 126 – Mandated Reporter course” either on-line or in person. All Safe Environment requirements are on the website, under the “Volunteer” link: [www.rockcatholic.org](http://www.rockcatholic.org).

I look forward to another year of working with all of the students, as well as all of the wonderful Catechists and volunteers who are already working so hard in preparation for the Religious Education program. And, I appreciate you, the parents, who are making education in the faith a priority in your busy family lives. If there is anything you need from me, please let me know.

Peace,

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**The weekend of August 31st, Saint Peter Parish will return to the school year Mass schedule:**

Saturday 4:00pm – Saint Peter  
Sunday 8:00am – Saint Anthony

Sunday 11:30am – Saint Peter  
Sunday 7:00pm\* – Newman Center

*\*(Sunday night Mass, when college in session)*