

St. Peter of Alcantara Religious Education Handbook

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CLASSES: Religion Classes begin in 1st Grade and continue through 8th Grade. Children are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist (2nd Grade) and Confirmation (8th Grade).

STUDENT'S CELL PHONES: Please note that **all students** will be required to place their cell phones in a designated basket in their classroom before class begins. Their phones will be returned at the end of class. We appreciate your support.

NO FOOD OR DRINK IN CLASS

INCLEMENT WEATHER/EMERGENCY CLOSING: If the Port Washington School District closes due to weather, we will also be closed. Parents will be notified by email if there is an Emergency Closing.

BEHAVIOR: Please remind your child to be respectful to our staff and dedicated volunteers, to each other and to the belongings of others.

ATTENDANCE: Weekly attendance is required. Please email the Religious Ed office if your child will be absent. **Parents should also strive to attend Sunday Mass on a regular basis with their child. There will be a Family Mass scheduled on a Sunday for each grade. Students and their families should attend.**

COMMUNICATION: We will communicate with parents via email from Flocknote. Please email us any questions to readmin@stpeterofalcantara.org or associatereligned@stpeterofalcantara.org

GRADE LEVEL PRAYERS AND TEACHINGS:

Prayers will be emailed to be practiced at home.

- **1st Grade:** Sign of the Cross, Hail Mary, Lord's Prayer, Glory Be to the Father, Grace
- **2nd Grade:** Sign of the Cross, Hail Mary, Lord's Prayer, Glory Be to the Father, Grace, Act of Contrition, Guardian Angel Prayer
- **3rd Grade:** Sign of the Cross, Hail Mary, Lord's Prayer, Glory Be to the Father, Grace, Act of Contrition, Guardian Angel Prayer, Rosary, 7 Sacraments
- **4th Grade:** Sign of the Cross, Hail Mary, Lord's Prayer, Glory Be to the Father, Grace, Act of Contrition, Guardian Angel Prayer, Apostle's Creed, Rosary, 7 Sacraments

- **5th Grade:** Sign of the Cross, Hail Mary, Lord's Prayer, Glory Be to the Father, Grace, Act of Contrition, Guardian Angel Prayer, Apostle's Creed, Hail Holy Queen, Rosary, 7 Sacraments, 10 Commandments
- **6th Grade:** Sign of the Cross, Hail Mary, Lord's Prayer, Glory Be to the Father, Grace, Act of Contrition, Guardian Angel Prayer, Apostle's Creed, Hail Holy Queen, Rosary, 7 Sacraments, 10 Commandments
- **7th Grade:** Sign of the Cross, Hail Mary, Lord's Prayer, Glory Be to the Father, Grace, Act of Contrition, Guardian Angel Prayer, Memorare, Hail Holy Queen, Apostles' Creed, Rosary, 7 Sacraments, 10 Commandments
- **8th Grade:** Sign of the Cross, Hail Mary, Lord's Prayer, Glory Be to the Father, Grace, Act of Contrition, Guardian Angel Prayer, Memorare, Apostle's Creed, Hail Holy Queen, Prayer to the Holy Spirit, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, 10 Commandments, 7 Sacraments, Nicene Creed, Gifts of the Holy Spirit

SACRAMENTS:

- A valid Baptismal Certificate is required to receive the Sacraments.
- Sacrament preparation is a 2-year process.
- The Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion are received in 2nd Grade.
- The Sacrament of Confirmation is received in 8th Grade.
- There will be a parent meeting in 2nd Grade and 8th Grade about the Sacraments.

REGISTRATION: Re-registration is required every year. The Registration form is emailed to parents and is also on the website. Payment may be online or by check or cash.

PHOTOS: Sometimes photos are taken for the parish bulletin, website or Facebook page. If you do not want your child photographed, please email the Religious Ed office.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM: All volunteers and staff are required by the Diocese to complete Virtus training and complete a background check.

VOLUNTEERS: Catechists (teachers), Substitute Catechists, Classroom aides, and Hall Monitors are always needed. Please prayerfully consider giving your time to support the program.