

# **Glen Cove Catholic - Religious Education Information Packet 2023-2024**

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## **Grade 2**

**Please come to Parents' Night!**

St Patrick Tuesday, September 12, at 7:00 pm in the Romero Hall

St Rocco Thursday, September 14, at 7:00 pm in the Madonna Room



# Glen Cove Catholic - Religious Education

## 2023 - 2024

### St Patrick & St Rocco

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year! First, we would like to remind you that the religious education of your children is **your** responsibility, which you vowed to fulfill at the baptism of your child. We are here to assist you, which is the purpose of our religious education program, but our efforts are meaningless if you do not actively participate. Your encouragement is critical. If your child senses a lack of interest on your part, there is almost no chance they will take it seriously. Here are the main components of our program:

#### **Mass Attendance:**

We ask that you make sure that your child comes to Mass every Sunday and Holy Day. **This is not optional** – our faith is a lived experience, not an academic subject. Your good example here is critical. If you do not come to Mass regularly yourself, your child will also have no interest.

#### **Catechesis:**

We will again be using the “My Catholic Faith Delivered” online catechesis program. All students will be required to complete 100% of the online material to be able to move on to the next grade and to receive the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation.

As an alternative, if you prefer to teach your child at home personally, we can provide you with a textbook and workbook, which are available in English or Spanish. When the student has completed the workbook, we ask that you bring it to the Parish office so that we can mark the student down as having completed the work.

#### **Sacramental Years: Grade 2 (First Communion) and Grade 8 (Confirmation)**

In addition to the online course, First Communion and Confirmation candidates must also **attend eight mandatory sessions:**

- i. Confirmation: Held eight Sundays between October 1st & January 7<sup>th</sup>.
- ii. First Communion: Held eight Sundays between January 21<sup>st</sup> & April 14<sup>th</sup>.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes will be in the fall on Sunday mornings from **9:30 am – 10:10 am at St Rocco’s Church** and **9:45 am - 10:25 am at St Patrick’s Church** in preparation for the reception of Confirmation in January.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes will be in the spring on Sunday mornings from **9:30 am – 10:10 am at St Rocco’s Church** and **9:45 am - 10:25 am at St Patrick’s Church** in preparation for the reception of First Holy Communion in April.

New for this year is that **at least one parent must personally attend these sessions and Mass with your child.** This significant change is intended to do two things:

- a) It shows your children that you are equally invested in this significant step in their lives, and;
- b) Having parents with their children dramatically minimizes the rather daunting challenge of ensuring your kids are looked after, kept safe at all times, and eliminates the significant challenge of dropping off and picking up the kids.

### **Faith Encounters:**

For students in grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, we will offer a series of Faith Encounters on Thursday afternoons from 4:15 pm – 5:00 pm in the Church at St Patrick and St Rocco. These will be led by one of the Parish Priests and will focus on how we live our Christian Faith, covering topics such as liturgy, and prayer. These Faith Encounters are **optional**, but highly recommended. The sessions are brief, so **parents must attend** with their children to avoid any pickup/ drop-off issues.

### **Make-Up Sessions:**

If your child missed a normal sacramental year and would now like to be Confirmed or receive First Communion, please let us know. We will be happy to discuss the options to do so, which may include special sessions to catch up on what they have missed in Religious Education. The number and type of sessions will depend on how many children are in these situations.

### **Contact Information:**

Feel free to contact us with any questions at:  
(516) 676-0276 press 5  
gc.religious.ed@gmail.com

Please see the Info-Sheet for details specific to your child's grade/class.

We look forward to working with you this school year!

Joanne Fitzgerald  
Director of Religious Education

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Info-Sheet**  
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There are three components to our First Communion Program, all of which are **mandatory**, because we take the Sacrament seriously, and assume you do as well:

- 1. Mass Attendance every Sunday and Holy Day.**
- 2. Online Course or Workbook.**
- 3. A series of 8 in-person First Communion classes.**

1. All students (and all Catholics) **MUST** go to Mass **EVERY** Sunday (Saturday evening) and Holy Day starting with the Sunday after the Parents' Night (September 17).
  - a. We will be taking attendance at St Patrick, St Rocco, and St Hyacinth at all Sunday Masses.
  - b. If your child attends Mass at another parish, notify the Religious Education Office at: gc.religious.ed@gmail.com **Immediately** (within 24 hours).
  - c. If your child misses Mass, notify the Religious Education Office at: gc.religious.ed@gmail.com **Immediately** (within 24 hours), with an explanation excusing the student.

**Even one unexcused absence will disqualify the student from receiving First Communion!**

2. The coursework (Online or Workbook) must be completed by **March 10**.
3. All 8 First Communion Classes are **mandatory**. **At least one parent must personally attend these sessions and Mass with your child.**
  - a. If your child misses a class, notify the Religious Education Office at: gc.religious.ed@gmail.com **Immediately** (within 24 hours), with an explanation excusing the student.

**Even one unexcused absence will disqualify the student from receiving First Communion!**

**Flocknote:**

We will be using Flocknote to communicate with you throughout the year via text messaging and email. Please make sure that the phone number you provide on the registration form is a cell phone, otherwise you won't get any updates.

If you would like to have more than one person receive these updates, please let us know.

# Important Dates

## Parents Night

St Patrick	Tuesday, September 12, at 7:00 pm in the Romero Hall
St Rocco	Thursday, September 14, at 7:00 pm in the Madonna Room

## First Communion Classes

**St Rocco** - in the Church  
Sunday mornings from 9:30 am - 10:10 am

**St Patrick** - in the Romero Hall  
Sunday mornings from 9:45 am - 10:25 am

January 21  
January 28  
February 4  
February 11  
March 3  
March 10  
April 7  
April 14

## Meeting & Confessions

St Rocco	TBD
St Patrick	TBD

## First Communion

St Patrick	TBD
St Rocco	TBD

# Glen Cove Catholic – Religious Education Registration Form 2023-2024

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**Parish:**

☐ St Patrick

☐ St Rocco

☐ St Hyacinth

**Fees:** 1<sup>st</sup> Child \$150, Additional Children \$25 Each

+ \$100 for First Communion

+ \$100 for Confirmation

Please make checks payable to: "St Patrick Church"

**Primary Contact:** (Circle one) Father/ Mother/ Legal Guardian

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Language: ☐ English ☐ Spanish  
(Must be a **Cell Phone** number – we will be texting updates via Flocknote)

Home Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt# \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address (of Primary Contact)

**Secondary Contact:** (Circle one) Father/ Mother/ Legal Guardian

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be a **Cell Phone** number – we will be texting updates via Flocknote)

E-Mail Address (of Secondary Contact)

(Office Use Only) Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Pd. \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## Student Information

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Male ☐ Female

Current Grade (at School) \_\_\_\_\_

Has the Child been Baptized? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Has the Child received First Communion? ☐ YES ☐ NO

☐ Child will complete the online program ☐ We will use the textbook

Father: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Last Name

Mother: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Maiden Name

☐ Returning from last year ☐ New Student

### New Students

(who were **not** enrolled in our Religious Education Program last year 2022-2023)

Was the Child baptized at: ☐ St Patrick ☐ St Rocco ☐ St Hyacinth?

Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

If not - **Please provide a copy of their BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE** with this registration form. If you do not have one, please request a copy from the Church where the child was baptized.