

St. Michael Parish Religious Education
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"Faith: Learn it, Live it, Love it"

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION, 2017-2018

April 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Registration for the 2017-2018 Religious Education year is now open. Please complete your registration form and return it and ½ of your payment to the Religious Education office by May 20, 2017.

There are a few changes to the registration procedure that I would like to highlight for you:

- First, all families registering for Religious Education must complete the Parish Census form. This can be done online on the St. Michael website (stmichaelnetcong.org) or by filling out the enclosed form and returning it to the rectory or the Religious Education office. As has been the policy in the past, the Religious Education program is open only to St. Michael parishioners. In order to be considered an active parishioner, the census form needs to be completed and the family must donate to the church at least 12 times per year using church-issued envelopes or Parish Pay.
- Second, we are increasing the tuition fee to \$150 (with a max of \$300 per family). For families who use church-issued envelopes or Parish Pay and contribute at 12 times per year, the tuition will be \$100 per child (\$200 max per family). If you use envelopes or Parish Pay, please indicate this on the registration form so that we can verify it with rectory (we do not have automatic access to that information). We have not had an increase in tuition in over 4 years and are no longer covering our growing expenses (e.g., the electricity in the school building). We have checked the tuition of parishes in our area and believe that this is a fair fee, as it remains on the lower end of the tuition scale.
- Third, we are requiring that all balances be paid in full prior to accepting registration for the upcoming year. This has always been our policy; however, we have been lenient in accepting registrations. This has allowed balances to increase to levels that are overwhelming for families. Therefore, we will be enforcing this policy going forward.
- Finally, in order to simplify our process and limit the cost of postage spent on statements, we will require ½ of the payment at the time of registration. We will not accept any registration forms without payment (unless you speak to Mrs. Rogalo – please see below). The other ½ of tuition will be due by January 20, 2018.

As always, we do not want to turn away any child due to financial hardship. If any of these policies affect your ability to register your child(ren), please do not hesitate to contact the Religious Education office to discuss a payment plan (973-347-1465). Many families have availed themselves of this provision in the past, and we will continue to work with your family's particular situation as long as you contact us in advance.

Sincerely,

Debbie Rogalo

Director of Religious Education