

**Holy Cross Parish**  
**Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P.)**  
**641 E. Springfield Rd., Springfield, PA 19064**  
**610-626-1057 ~ Email: [PREPHolyCross@gmail.com](mailto:PREPHolyCross@gmail.com)**  
**Website: [www.HolyCrossCatholics.org](http://www.HolyCrossCatholics.org)**  
**\*Please like Holy Cross on Facebook!**

August 2024

+Dear Parents and Guardians

Thank you for registering your child(ren) in this year's PREP program. We also extend a warm welcome to our new families who will be attending Holy Cross Religious Ed for the first time!

Classes for all registered students begin on **Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:45** Parents should park and come in with their children at Holy Cross School gym **no later than 4:25 (Doors open at 4:20)** Students will then move to their classroom, meet their teacher and begin class. Parents will stay in the gym for a brief meeting. Parents are to **pick up their children in the classroom at dismissal time at 5:45pm (Doors open at 5:45)** No child may leave the school without being accompanied by a parent or adult designated by the parent. I will repeat this again, **no child may leave the building without being accompanied by an adult.** You must park and enter the building and pick your child up at their classroom doors. Students who enter late or have to leave early must be signed in/out in the office. Please enter the maroon door by the gym to go to the PREP office. If you desire more information on how to become more involved with your child's Religious Education as a classroom aide or hall monitor, please email the PREP office.

Many of you already attend weekly Mass and contribute according to your means, and I thank you sincerely. However, it is a sad fact that many more of you reading this letter rarely attend Mass at all, let alone give anything to the parish. This fact contributes greatly to our parish's overwhelming deficit. Students attending Holy Cross School are required to pay tuition, in addition to contributing weekly to the Sunday collection. If they do not keep up with their tuition and weekly contributions, they are asked to leave. To be fair to all, we are asking the PREP families to do the same by contributing at least \$10 each week in the Sunday envelope to defray the cost of the PREP program. If the financial obligation is not met to the Church there will be an additional non-supporting parishioner cost of \$150 due by December 31<sup>st</sup> of every year. These guidelines are necessary to be fair to the majority of the parents who are contributing members of Holy Cross Parish. The Sunday collections are recorded weekly. If you do not currently receive collection envelopes, please contact the parish business office at 610-626-3321, and they will arrange to have them sent to your home.

The Sunday collection is very important to the financial life of the parish, but attendance at Sunday Mass is infinitely more important to every aspect of our lives. Please do not ignore it. Children learn by example. Actions speak louder than words! Attending Mass with them weekly and encouraging them to pray daily will benefit them more overall than any other activity you do with them. Please make it a priority in your home.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, feel free to call the PREP office. I look forward to seeing you on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> for the first day of PREP and for the Back to PREP Parent and Catechist Meeting.

God Bless,

Father Steven Kiernan, Pastor

Kelly Meliti, DRE