

**Our Lady of Good Counsel  
Religious Education Program**

**2019**

**2020**

**SUNDAY classes are from 9:15 – 10:25 in the Church Hall. PLEASE NOTE: STUDENTS SHOULD ATTEND the three MONDAY CLASSES in the CHURCH HALL as listed from 4:30 – 6:00.**

**September** 22, 29  
**October** 6 followed by attendance at 10:30 Mass & Parent/Sponsor meeting after Mass, 13, 20, 27  
**November** 3, 10, 17, 24, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Confessions at OLGC.  
**December** 1, 8, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Happy Birthday Jesus Party! – OLGC, 15 No class 12/22 & 12/29.  
**January** 5, 12, 26, No class on 1/19.  
**February** 2, 9, 23 No class on 2/16.  
**March** 1, 8, 15, 22, CONFIRMATION RETREAT 3/27 & 3/28, class 29  
**April** 19, 26, No class on 4/5 & 4/12.  
**May** 3 Last Class. May Crowning following the 10:30 Mass. Interviews - TBA  
**June**

**MONDAY classes are held at Villa Victoria from 4:30 – 6:00.**

**September** 23 No class on 9/30.  
**October** 7, 14, 21, 28  
**November** 4, 11, 18, 25<sup>th</sup> – Confessions at OLGC.  
**December** 2, 9<sup>th</sup> – Happy Birthday Jesus Party at OLGC. No class 12/16, 12/23 & 12/30.  
**January** 6, 13, 27 No class on 1/20.  
**February** 3, 10, 24 No class on 2/17.  
**March** 2, 9, 16<sup>th</sup> – Confessions at OLGC, 23, 30  
**April** 20, 27 No class on 4/6 & 4/13.  
**May** 4, 11 Last Class. 5/3 - 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion at 10:30 Mass & May Crowning. All students should attend.

**RE Student Confessions & Service Projects**

**Please bring in non-perishable food items to be donated to the community food pantries when we meet at OLGC for Confessions – November 25<sup>th</sup> & March 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**ATTENDANCE** – Students should be present and report directly to class on time each week. Students should miss no more than 3 classes per year. A written note is required upon return from all absences. If your child will be out, please phone Villa Victoria at 882-1700 x10 on Mondays between 4:00 and 4:30 PM. Sunday absences – Please call the RE Office at 883-9005 by 9 AM.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS** will be sent home with your child. Please check for them weekly.

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**BOOKS**, pencils and all other materials should be carried in a bag. Having a bag designated for RE will help keep their things together and make it easier when it is time to leave for class. **PLEASE MAKE SURE** your *child* comes prepared for class.

**PROGRESS REPORTS** will be sent home in January. Please sign and return them the following week. Final reports will be given on the last day of class.

**IMPORTANT**

**All students leaving early from class will be required to bring in a note with the reason and time for the early pick up. Early dismissed students will write a three paragraph essay on the content of the chapter covered that week. This will be HOMEWORK and must be handed in at the beginning of the next class.**

**MONDAY CLASSES – For the safety of our children, PLEASE ENTER Villa Victoria from the ROUTE 29 ENTRANCE. Students MUST BE WALKED ACROSS THE PARKING LOT by an ADULT upon arrival and dismissal.**

**Candidate Blessing Ceremony** – Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 Mass with Parent & Sponsor meeting following in the OLG Church Hall.

**1st Reconciliation & Communion Parent Meeting** – Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM at OLG

**1st Reconciliation** Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM. Practices will be 2/25 – 2/28 from 4:30 – 5:30 in the Church Hall.

**Communion Retreat** Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> in the Church Hall from 10:00-12:00.

**Confirmation Retreat** Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 4:30-9:30 & Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 9:30-6:30 at Incarnation/St. James

**1st Holy Communion & May Crowning** Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 Mass. Practices will be 4/30 & 5/1 from 4:30-5:30 in the Church Hall. Parents to attend 5/1 practice at 5:15 PM.

**Confirmation Interviews** TBA

**Confirmation** Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at OLG, 4:00 PM with Msgr. Michael J. Walsh. Practices 6/9 4:00-5:00 for students; 6/10 7:30-8:30 for students and sponsors.

**COHORT INFORMATION**

**Our Lady of Good Counsel and Incarnation/St. James Cohort** – The Diocese of Trenton has required the cohort of our parish with Incarnations/St. James. All three parishes will mirror their religious education programs, using the same books, charging the same tuition and using the same schedule. We have been working with them for Confirmation preparation and retreats for the past few years and will continue to do so in the future. Both parishes will combine for the celebration of Confirmation this year at OLG on June 11, 2020 at 4:00 PM. We will alternate the celebration of Confirmation yearly.