



# Saint Peter Catholic Church

507 South Tryon Street, Charlotte NC 28202



May 7, 2017

Dear St. Peter Family,

Thank you for requesting information about St. Peter faith formation for children. At St. Peter we believe that the spiritual growth of our children begins with you at home. The programs we offer for children will not replace, but rather supplement, the practice of faith in your home. Consistent and intentional home faith activities like daily prayer, reading bible stories together, and talking about how to make decisions are the best ways to shape your children's belief in God, moral character, and personal spirituality.

We currently offer three options for faith formation. Each option values and involves parents in a unique way. Because of parish membership growth and the low number of trained catechists, there is limited availability in some of the options below. We hope that you'll find a program which fits your family's needs. We are always looking for new catechists. Let us know if you would like more information on CGS training and/or CGS super assisting.

### **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)**

Parish children, ages 3-12 grow in faith through **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**. The CGS curriculum is rooted in the Bible, the liturgy of the Church, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori. In CGS, we follow the child into the depths of his or her existing relationship with God. A prepared environment called an "atrium" contains simple, yet beautiful, materials for the child to use. The CGS program is divided into three levels. Level I is for 3 to 6 year olds, Level II is 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> grades; and Level III is 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Parents may serve as super assistants to aid teachers in presenting lessons.

### **Homeschool Catechesis**

The homeschool program is a unique option for a parent that wants to be more directly involved in the formal religious education of their child(ren). What the program lacks in community, it gains in intimacy. St. Peter will provide a grade appropriate textbook and parent guide for each child in the program.

### **Whole Family Catechesis (WFC)**

Whole Family Catechesis is a program which brings every member of the family together for spiritual growth. The program meets monthly on Sunday mornings and is interactive and intergenerational. The goal of WFC is to support parents as they pass along their faith to their children with resources and a monthly community setting.

### **Sacramental Preparation**

Children rising into 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade who participated in faith formation the prior year are eligible for the sacraments of First Reconciliation/Communion and Confirmation, respectively. If you would like more information about our sacramental processes, please with the parish website: [www.stpeterscatholic.org](http://www.stpeterscatholic.org).

All adults (18 or over) are required to be Safe Environment compliant by completing all Diocesan paperwork and the Protecting God's Children Workshop.

If you have questions about any of our faith formation options, please contact me at [cathy@stpeterscatholic.org](mailto:cathy@stpeterscatholic.org) or call 704-332-2901 x230. I will be happy to talk with you.

Sincerely,

*Cathy Chiappetta*

Cathy Chiappetta  
Faith Formation Director

# St. Peter 2017-18 CGS Faith Formation Calendar

## September 2017

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					1	2
<del>X</del>	4	5	6	7	8	9
<del>X</del>	11	12	13	14	15	16
<del>X</del>	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## October 2017

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29	30	31				

## November 2017

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<del>X</del>	27	28	29	30		

## December 2017

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<del>X</del>	25	26	27	28	29	30
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## January 2018

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<del>X</del>	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## February 2018

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<del>X</del>	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

## March 2018

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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## April 2018

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
<del>X</del>	2	3	4	5	6	7
<del>X</del>	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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## May 2018

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Registration Due—August 6

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting—September 24

First Reconciliation Retreat/Ceremony—December 2

First Communion Parent Meeting—February 4

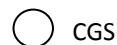
First Communion Retreat—April 14

First Communion Masses—April 21

Last Day of CGS—May 20

**NEW CGS Students and Parents**

**Meet on Sept. 24**



CGS



No CGS

**Returning Students begin Oct. 1**

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faithform@stpeterscatholic.org

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**Faith Formation 2017—2018**  
**Due August 6 via:**  
•U.S. mail  
•Drop in offertory or at parish office  
•Online [www.stpeterscatholic.org](http://www.stpeterscatholic.org)

OFFICE USE ONLY  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Online \_\_\_\_\_  
Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Program \_\_\_\_\_

**Registered at St. Peter Catholic Church? Y N Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_**

Note: Only registered participating parishioners of St. Peter Catholic Church may be accepted into the Faith Formation programs

<b>Parents/Guardians</b>	<b><u>Parent</u></b>	<b><u>Parent</u></b>
Name:	_____	_____
Cell Phone:	_____	_____
Email(s) for communication:	_____	_____
Primary Family Address:	_____	
	Street	City                      Zip
Home Phone:	_____	

Non-parent Emergency Contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

If I cannot be reached in case of emergency, the bearer of this form is authorized to act on my behalf to seek medical treatment as they deem necessary for my child(ren).

\*\*\*\*I give permission to use my child's picture in parish publications (bulletin/website). \_\_\_\_\_ (initial if yes)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Parent/Guardian**

**REGISTRATION FEES**

The same fee applies to the Homeschool, Whole Family, and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd options.  
Payment is expected at time of registration. MACS families only pay the sacramental fee.

<b>Faith Formation Fee (All Programs):</b>	<b>Additional Sacramental Year Fees:</b>
1 CHILD                      \$75.00 _____	1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist/Reconciliation                      \$60.00 _____
2 CHILDREN                      \$125.00 _____	Confirmation (8 <sup>th</sup> or 9 <sup>th</sup> grade)                      \$60.00 _____
3 OR MORE                      \$150.00 _____	
	<b>TOTAL: \$ _____</b>

**Financial Assistance:** The registration fee is confidentially waived for anyone who expresses financial hardship and for catechists. Contact the Faith Formation Office for questions.

## FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Please indicate your order of preference by numbering 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>. Assignments will be made in the order received. You will only be contacted if your first choice is no longer available at the time of your registration.

### **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

(Montessori-based Religious Education)

Sun. 10:15 am – 11:45 am (PK—6<sup>th</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_

Sun. 8:00 am— 9:00 am (PK—3rd only) \_\_\_\_\_

**Whole Family Catechesis** (1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_ *One Sunday/month 10:15 am – 11:30am*

**Home Study Option** (PK-7<sup>th</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

To be eligible to receive a sacrament a student must have completed one full year of catechesis or Catholic school prior to their sacramental year. MACS students are asked to attend parish sacramental programs. Non-MACS students must be enrolled in a faith formation program and the appropriate sacramental program in order to prepare for the sacrament. Homeschool catechesis can serve as the “pre-confirmation” year.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation/Communion** (2<sup>nd</sup> grade—up) Weekly Sun. 10:15 am— 11:45 \_\_\_\_\_

**\*MACS 2nd graders:** Four designated Sunday classes and 2 retreats \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre-Confirmation** (7<sup>th</sup> Grade) 2 Sun./month 10:15 am – 11:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** Homeschool/Online \_\_\_\_\_

**Confirmation** (8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade) 2 Sun./month 10:15 am—11:45 am \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT FAITH FORMATION & LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The success of our programs is possible through our volunteers. This is an opportunity to practice your faith with your children. Check any boxes below for more information about how you can help in one of these programs.

- CGS Super Assistant—Assists Catechists in CGS on Sunday mornings—may lead some lessons**
- First Reconciliation/First Communion Team—Assists during retreats , classes, and sacraments**
- Confirmation Team—Table Leaders to assist during Confirmation class on Sunday mornings**
- Whole Family Parent Coordinators**
- Youth Group Team—includes Teen Summer Service Week**
- CGS Material Making**
- CGS Atria Cleaning**
- Family Mass Coordinator(s) including fellowship**
- Eucharistic Minister, Usher, Lector(reader), or Altar Server for Family Mass: specify \_\_\_\_\_**
- Faith Formation Snack Team –Distribute snacks before Faith Formation**

Please fill this out for your child(ren).

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Fall 2017 Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Baptized? Y N Reconciliation? Y N Eucharist? Y N  
Baptism Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_  
MEDICAL HISTORY \_\_\_\_\_ Asthma \_\_\_\_\_ Diabetes \_\_\_\_\_ Convulsions \_\_\_\_\_ Epilepsy \_\_\_\_\_ ADHD \_\_\_\_\_ Other  
Allergies \_\_\_\_\_ Medicine \_\_\_\_\_ Insect Bite/Sting \_\_\_\_\_ Food \_\_\_\_\_ Animals \_\_\_\_\_ Plants \_\_\_\_\_ Other  
Additional health information: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Sacramental Programs

### First Reconciliation and First Communion

Preparation for First Reconciliation takes place in the fall and First Communion in the spring. The Diocese requires students to have two years of catechesis prior to receiving a sacrament. At St. Peter we interpret this to mean one year of religious education prior to the sacramental year and religious education during the sacramental year. In addition, all students must enroll in the parish sacramental program, whether enrolled in public, private, or parochial schools. Our preparation program includes a weekly Sunday class. MACS students will attend 4 designated Sunday classes. ALL students will attend a retreat for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and a retreat for the Sacrament of First Communion. Dates for the sacraments are on the 2017-18 Faith Formation Calendar.

### Confirmation

**Pre-Confirmation** is for students who have completed at least the 6<sup>th</sup> grade year of a parish catechesis program. The class meets Sunday morning every other week. This preparation year includes traditional academic work, spiritual discussions, and some service activities. Pre-Confirmation serves as an overview of scripture and Tradition which will prepare students with an overview of the Catholic faith.

**Confirmation** is for students who have completed Pre-Confirmation or are at least 8<sup>th</sup> graders in a MACS school. The goal of the Confirmation process is to give the students a taste of life as a practicing, adult Catholic. To meet this goal, the year is a combination of prayer, learning, and service, specifically focusing on the spirituality of St. Ignatius, who founded the Jesuits. Students can expect to meet twice a month on Sunday mornings and complete service requirements. The date of our Confirmation will likely be late April or early May, but the diocese does not set the Bishop's schedule until February.

## Attention MACS Families!

Children rising into 2<sup>nd</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to participate in the First Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation processes.

Please register for St. Peter sacramental programs using the enclosed form. If you would like your child to prepare for or receive First Reconciliation and Communion at their school, please contact our parish office for instructions.