

MEMORIZATION STATION

Dear Parents/Guardians: The Diocese of Pittsburgh curriculum for Faith Formation includes memorization of important prayers and faith facts, with different goals for each grade level. **Children need help** from their parents and their catechists to successfully accomplish these goals. Each time we lift up our hearts and our minds to God we grow closer to Him and are filled with His grace!

PLEASE NOTE: ONE YEAR BUILDS UPON ANOTHER. FOR EXAMPLE, THE GOAL FOR THIRD GRADE INCLUDES THE GOALS FOR KINDERGARTEN, FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD GRADES. THESE PRAYERS REFLECT THE CHANGES THAT GO INTO EFFECT WITH THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL ON NOVEMBER 27, 2011.

KINDERGARTEN:

Sign of the Cross: In the name of the Father (hand on forehead) and of the Son (Hand on abdomen) and of the Holy Spirit (Hand on left, then right shoulder). Amen. (Fold hands)

Our Father: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Blessing Before Meals: Bless us, Oh Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST GRADE:

Hail Mary: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

SECOND GRADE:

The Act of Contrition (Adult Version from the Official Rite): My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

NEW Responses to Prayers at Mass:

NEW MASS RESPONSES BEGIN 11/27/11

Father says, "The Lord be with you." We reply, "And with your spirit."

The Lector says, "The Word of the Lord." We reply, "Thanks be to God."

Father says, "A reading from the holy gospel" We reply "Glory to You, Lord."

Father says, "The Gospel of the Lord." We reply, "Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ."

Father says, "The peace of the Lord be with you always." We reply, "And with your spirit."

THIRD GRADE:

The Law of Love: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Apostles' Creed (This is the one used for the Rosary not for Mass) I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

FOURTH GRADE:

The Rosary Know what prayer each bead represents. On the "circular portion of the Rosary" the groups of ten beads represent 10 Hail Mary's. The beads standing alone between the groups of ten beads represent the "Glory Be", the "Fatima Prayer," the next mystery, and the "Our Father." On the "stem of the Rosary" the first bead represents the "Apostle's Creed and the Our Father," the group of three beads represent three "Hail Mary's," and the next single bead represents a "Glory Be," the first mystery, and an "Our Father." We start with the "stem" and work our way around the "Circle". Some people also recite closing prayers after the last bead, but we will learn these later. We learn the mysteries in seventh grade.

FIFTH GRADE

The Ten Commandments: 1. I am the Lord Your God – you shall not have false Gods before Me; 2. You shall not take the name of the Lord Your God in vain. 3. Remember to keep holy the Lord’s Day. 4. Honor your father and your mother. 5. You shall not kill. 6. You shall not commit adultery. 7. You shall not steal. 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 9. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife. 10. You shall not covet your neighbor’s goods.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and enkindle within us the fire of Thy love. Send forth Thy spirit and they shall be created, and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

SIXTH GRADE:

The Seven Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony, Holy Orders, Sacrament of the Sick, Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Books of the Pentateuch or Torah: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy

The Four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

SEVENTH GRADE

Mysteries of the Rosary The Five Joyful Mysteries: The Annunciation, The Visitation, the Nativity, The Presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple, The Finding of the Child Jesus. The Five Sorrowful Mysteries: The Agony in the Garden, The Scourging at the Pillar, The Crowning with Thorns, Jesus Carries His Cross, Jesus Dies on the Cross. The Five Glorious Mysteries: The Resurrection, The Ascension into Heaven, The Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, The Assumption of Mary, Mary is Crowned Queen of Heaven & Earth. The Five Luminous Mysteries: The Baptism of Christ, The Wedding Feast at Cana, The Proclamation of the Kingdom, The Transfiguration, The Institution of the Eucharist.

EIGHTH GRADE:

The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Knowledge, Right Judgment, Understanding, Courage, Reverence, Fear of the Lord (Wonder and Awe)

Hail Holy Queen (prayed at the end of the Rosary): Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thy eyes of mercy towards us. And after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

The Nicene Creed: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son, is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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