

PREP Newsletter

Issue: April 2018 St. Mary Magdalen Church



From the Director:

As I begin writing this, I am looking out my window in the office at snow! It is hard to believe that spring is around the corner when winter seems to still have its grip on us! But we know that this will not last, and that soon the flowers will be poking their colorful heads out of the ground.

I am sure it was hard for the Apostles, too, to believe on that Friday that things were going to be better than they could ever have imagined. They thought that their leader was dead, and that all of the good that the Messiah had brought and was still to bring was over. But by Sunday morning, it was a different world when our patroness, Mary Magdalen, came running to tell them that Jesus had risen!

I don't know how some of you feel, but I know that this next few weeks I always feel down – stressed and saddened by what I know my sins have done to Jesus. By the time Easter Sunday dawns, I am more than ready to come out of my tomb of sadness and rejoice!

So even though it looks like winter, the spring is coming! This month, our classes will end, and another year will be in the books for PREP. I will still be busy, between First Communions and Vacation Bible School in June, Confirmation retreats in the summer and planning for next year – those months will fly by! Don't forget that early birds save on their registration – and have a wonderful Easter!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGINNING

Confirmation classes begin **this month**, so if you missed the memo, our classes are earlier because of the change in our Confirmation date! The last 8th grade class will be the morning of April 22nd, and that night will be the first Confirmation class at 6:30PM in the hall for students and sponsors!



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APRIL FAMILY DAY

April 15th will be our last family day for this year! The topic will be Catholic Trivia, and I'll be drawing the questions largely from the family days over the last two years. We'll meet in the GYM and separate into smaller groups to play – so I hope you saved your family day packets, they'll give you a lot of the information you need to be winners!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 18-22ND, 2018

Daily from 9:15AM-12:15PM
For current 4-year-olds through rising 5th graders



Each morning our crews will arrive in the church hall to sing songs, hear Bible stories, use their imagination to make some crafts, and learn about how they can help Catholic Relief Services provide food for some of the poor in our world! We'll end the week with our annual ice cream social on Friday night – so sign up now!

SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Catholic Heart Work Camp
Week of June 17th in Richmond, Virginia
For details see [Youth Ministry Website](#)

Extreme Camp
For students rising 5th through rising 8th grade
Week of August 13th
Details to come on youth ministry website!

April - May Calendar

April 1st – Easter, no classes

April 8th – regular classes for Kindergarten through 8th grade

April 14th – Catechetical Day in Magnolia for catechists and St. Elizabeth’s Auction

April 15th – regular classes Pre-K and K; Family Day Catholic Trivia

April 18th – FOR ALL FIRST GRADE PARENTS – we will hold an orientation to help you to prepare for next year’s First Communion! Please come to the CHURCH HALL at either 9:30AM or 7PM for all of the info you will need!

April 22nd – regular classes for Kindergarten through 8th grade; then at 6:30PM all students and sponsors will meet in the CHURCH HALL. Sponsors will meet briefly with Mrs. Yasik while students meet with their teachers; then sponsors will join their students for the first class. Class ends at 8:30PM.

April 26th – formal photos in the CHURCH for First Communion students who have signed up from 4:30-7PM

April 29th – last PREP class for ALL grades Pre-K through 7th grade

May 2nd – First Communion rehearsal for students receiving the sacrament on May 5th – 6:30-7:30PM

May 5th – First Communion Mass begins at 11AM; communicants arrive at HALL by 10:20AM.

May 9th - First Communion rehearsal for students receiving the sacrament on May 12th – 6:30-7:30PM

May 12th - First Communion Mass begins at 11AM; communicants arrive at HALL by 10:20AM.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR 2018-2019 PREP YEAR

As always, there is an advantage to registering for PREP by the end of June! We have had a slight price increase, as some of our expenses have gone up – 8th grade parents, please see your exception!

REGISTER BEFORE JUNE 30 TH	REGISTER AFTER JULY 1 ST
One child - \$95	One child - \$115
Two children - \$135	Two children - \$155
Three or more - \$165	Three or more - \$190

I am going to hold this hard and fast this year – so if you want the discount your registration needs to be in my hands when I walk in the door on July 1st!

8th grade parents only

Due to the change in Confirmation time, we will only hold class from September through January. Classes for Confirmation will begin in February and continue into April. As a result, your Tuition will be lower since it will only cover that period; Confirmation PREP is a separate fee.

REGISTER BEFORE JUNE 30 TH	REGISTER AFTER JULY 1 ST
Only an 8 th grader - \$65	Only an 8 th grader: \$80
An 8 th grader and one sibling - \$115	An 8 th grader and one sibling - \$130
An 8 th grader and two siblings - \$145	An 8 th grader and two siblings - \$165