

2017-2018 CHILDREN'S CHOIR REGISTRATION/INFORMATION

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the St. Andrew Apostle Children's Choir for the 2017-2018 school year! Participating in our school and parish music ministry is a beautiful way to share our God given talents with others. I look forward to all of the wonderful possibilities and blessings we will encounter this school year.

The choir will be rehearsing on Tuesday afternoons in the church from 3pm until 4 pm. **Our first rehearsal is Tuesday, September 19th.** Children in Grades 3-8 are invited to join the choir. I am looking forward to my 8th Grade students assisting as cantors and mentors for the younger choir members!

The role of the choir is to serve God, first and foremost. We also serve the school for assemblies and Masses and parish Masses as needed. The Children's Choir will be singing once a month at the 11:30 AM Mass at St. Andrew's. (Please see the attached Sunday Children's Choir Schedule.) We will combine with the Faith Formation and parish school children Grades 3-8 to form a parish children's choir for the Sunday Masses. ***You do not need to be a parishioner to sing with us and you do not need to be Catholic.*** We will meet at **10:45 AM in the Multipurpose Room to warm up and rehearse together on these Sundays.**

Below are a few upcoming events for the choir!!!! We are SO BLESSED! PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- **Friday, November 10th 6PM** - Ms. Sheehan's daughter, Erin, is getting MARRIED and we are singing!!!
- **Monday, December 4th 6PM** – Taping of the Christmas Mass with Cardinal Wuerl/Crypt Church at the Basilica (to be televised Christmas Day!)
- **Saturday, December 9th 1PM** – Walk with Mary Mass at the Basilica (Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe)
- **Monday, May 14th 6:30PM** – Choir/Band Concert

Please note the following expectations for the choir this year:

- **Children will be expected to attend the scheduled Sunday Children's Masses. You will be allowed to miss three Sundays. Please take this into consideration when registering for choir and adjust your schedules accordingly. If students miss more than three Masses, they will not be able to participate in the Shrine Masses or the end of year concert. We will meet at 10:45 AM to rehearse the day of the scheduled Sunday Mass.**
- **A small registration fee of \$10 per family will be required along with the signed registration form due Friday, September 16th. This will help us cover the cost of music, binders, paper and lollipops!!!!**
- **The final cut-off date for choir registration will be Tuesday, September 26th.**

Please see the attached forms. **Please complete the registration form with the \$10 per family registration fee and return it to school by Friday, September 15th.** All choir information including registration forms, rehearsal schedules, Mass schedules and sound clips can be found on School Speak and on our parish website at <http://standrewapostle.org/ministry/childrens-choir/> . **Rehearsals start Tuesday, September 19th.** I have also included a schedule of rehearsals and Masses with this letter to help you with your planning.

Finally, please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have at ttrigiani@standrewapostle.org . I firmly believe in strong communication, so you will be hearing from me often via email with reminders. Please also check the Children's Choir School Speak page for updates.

I am so blessed to be able to work with your children as we make a joyful noise unto the Lord! I ask that you please pray for us as we embark on a wonderful and exciting year of making music to praise God and to give thanks for His many blessings. The children are touching hearts and saving souls...you have to believe me when I tell you this. In turn, I will be praying for you and your children as we make this journey together.

I look forward to seeing your children in after school choir on Tuesday, September 19th!

Blessings,

Mrs. Theresa Trigiani - General Music Teacher/Children's Choir Director, St. Andrew Apostle School