

NEW CHILDREN'S CHOIR POLICY – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

August 29, 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the St. Andrew Apostle Children's Choir for the 2016-2017 school year! I have greatly missed working with the children and cannot wait to get started once again! Participating in our school and parish music ministry is a beautiful way to share our God given talents with others. By leading the music at Mass, we help bring people closer to the Lord. Not only is the music itself powerful in helping to convert hearts and souls, but so are your children as they make it happen! 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 20th.** 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. What an incredible opportunity for the children and a very special treat for all in attendance! ***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.**

Please note the following changes to the choir for 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 continue singing in the choir. We will meet at 10:45 AM to rehearse before for the scheduled Sunday Masses.**
- **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, October 4th.**

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 16th.** All choir information including registration forms, rehearsal schedules, Mass schedules and sound clips can be found on our parish website at <http://standrewapostle.org/ministry/childrens-choir/> . You can also access this page through our school website at <https://standrewapostle.org/School-WP/> by clicking "Our School" then "Children's Choir." **Rehearsals start Tuesday, September 20th.** 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 20th!

Blessings,

Mrs. Theresa Trigiani,
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