

August 15, 2007

Dear Children's Choir Member and Parents,

I hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again soon. (If you will not be returning, please let me know at 534-2319 x19). We will resume our rehearsals Thursday, September 13, 4:30-5:30 pm. If you have any friends in the parish you think might like to join the choir (grades 3-6), please bring them. Here is your mass schedule up to Ash Wednesday, February 6:

Sunday, October 7, 9:30 Mass
Sunday, October 14, 9:30 Mass
Sunday, November 4, 9:30 Mass
Sunday, November 25, 9:30 Mass
Sunday, December 9, 9:30 Mass
Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day, 11:00 Mass
Sunday, January 20, 9:30 Mass

No Thursday rehearsal November 1 & 22, December 27, January 3.

The Music Ministry Concert will be Sunday, January 27, 2008 at 3:30 (snow date: Sunday, February 3, 3:30).

Cancellations due to weather: This year, if there is the possibility of cancellation due to weather, you need to call my number (534-2319 x19) and listen for an outgoing message about such cancellation. If my voicemail does not state that there is a cancellation, then there is no cancellation. Also, I would like you to provide me with a parental email address where I can send changes to the schedule, other notifications, etc. should the need arise. Please send me this at OLLMusic@earthlink.net. Thank you.

I am working on a special event for the choir in the spring: a choir exchange where we join forces with the Children's Choir of St. Francis Cathedral in Metuchen. They would sing with us here at Our Lady of Lourdes at a Saturday mass one week, and then we would join them at the Cathedral shortly thereafter. Tentative dates are February 23 and March 8. I will send out more details in the winter.

Being a member of the choir is a ministry and privilege, requiring a commitment to rehearsal, and when we sing at Mass. If you have an occasional need to miss a rehearsal or liturgy, you or a parent must call me at 534-2319 x.19, with your excuse, and leave a message, as soon as you are aware of the conflict. If choir members or their parents repeatedly fail to inform me of their absences and reasons ahead of time, we will have to reevaluate your involvement in Children's Choir.

On scheduled Mass days, we will meet in Rm. 10 at 9:10 am, unless otherwise indicated ahead of time.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, and I look forward to seeing everyone on September 13!

Sincerely,

Mr. Cole