

August 5, 2008

Dear Youth Choir Member and Parents,

Hi everyone! I hope you are having an enjoyable summer. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again soon. We will resume our rehearsals Saturday, September 13, at 4:00 pm in Community Hall. Rehearsals will be from 4:00-5:15.

Here is your Mass schedule through Ash Wednesday, February 25:

Sunday, October 5, **11:15 am Confirmation Mass** (arrival time: 10:30 am)  
Saturday, October 25, 5:30 Mass  
Saturday, November 1, 5:30 Mass  
Saturday, November 15, 5:30 Mass  
Saturday, December 6, 5:30 Mass  
Saturday, December 20, 5:30 Mass  
Monday, December 24 (Christmas Eve), 10:30 pm Mass (Preludes begin at 10:00; arrival 9:30 pm.)  
Saturday, January 10, 5:30 Mass  
Saturday, January 17, 5:30 Mass  
Saturday, February 7, 11:00 & 1:00 First Penance Services – (arrival time: 10:30, lunch provided, no afternoon rehearsal)  
Saturday, February 21, 11:00 First Penance Service – (arrival time: 10:30) – Rehearsal to follow (12:00-12:45)  
Saturday, February 21, 5:30 Mass

No rehearsal: November 8 & 29, December 27, January 3, February 7 & 14, February 21 (that day's 4:00 rehearsal moved to follow First Penance service (see above))

**Special Christmas Rehearsal:**

Thursday, December 18, 7:30-9:30, combined Adult Choir/Youth Choir/Advanced Bells rehearsal in the church.

**Music Ministry Concert**

The Music Ministry Concert will be Sunday, January 25, 2009 at 3:30 (snow date: Sunday, February 1, 3:30).

**Pilgrimage Youth Choir**

You should have received a flyer from Mr. Thom DeLessio, director of music for the Diocese of Metuchen, inviting you to participate in the Youth Choir Pilgrimage to the National Cathedral in Washington, DC on Saturday, October 18. If you haven't already signed up, I hope you will do so. This promises to be a memorable experience for you in which to meet and sing with youth from around the diocese and minister to the congregation at the cathedral. Follow the information on the flyer and sign up now!

**Weather Cancellation**

Cancellations due to weather: 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@embarqmail.com. Thank you.

**Attendance**

Being a member of Youth 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 must call me at 534-2319 x19 with your reason, and leave a message, as soon as you are aware of the conflict. We are a team; your fellow choir members depend on you to make the choir what it is.

**Attire**

Dress is **white** (not beige or cream) shirt/blouse, black pants/skirt, black shoes. All clothing should be conservative and appropriate for church. (Ex., No low neck lines, no tight fitting clothes, or bare shoulders; skirts need to be below the knee **when seated**, etc.) You must wear this attire during the rehearsal on days we sing at Mass, so I have adequate time to evaluate it. If I feel your dress is inappropriate, you may be asked not to sing for that Mass. This is to ensure that we always look our best as we sing our best.

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

Sincerely,

Mr. Cole