

St Patrick – St Hyacinth – St Rocco

Glen Cove Catholic Religious Education 2026-2027

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Dear Parents,

Before I talk about the program for the upcoming year, it must always be said that the primary responsibility to raise children in the Catholic Faith rests firmly upon the shoulders of parents. This cannot be outsourced, and the Church can only provide support to parents in this endeavor. Without the good example of parents and their involvement in the lives of their children, found primarily in taking their children to Mass every week, whatever the Church can provide will likely be of little use. That having been said, the parish Education Program for the 2026-2027 year will be as follows:

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The Churches of St Patrick, St Rocco and St Hyacinth are now one united parish, and we have one Religious Education Program. Since the program is unified, some sessions may take place at one of our various churches/campuses. Depending on enrollment, the reception of sacraments will typically be offered at St Patrick and St Rocco and families will be able to choose from either option.

Supremacy of Mass Attendance

While there are no Mass attendance requirements for the First Communion and Confirmation candidates, it cannot be stressed too much how critical Mass attendance is for every Catholic. Missing Mass without a legitimate reason (illness, work, travel) is a grave sin. The 3rd Commandment has been given to use not because God needs our worship, but because we need to humbly worship God on His terms (not our own). To be blunt, to present your children to receive these sacraments without the corresponding habit of Mass attendance makes a mockery out of and “merit-badges” the sacraments, which are supposed to be moments during which our relationship with God deepens. This relationship cannot be strengthened when one refuses God’s will for us to worship Him weekly in the Mass.

Registration Times and Fees

Religious Education fees, which help pay for the program and help support the Church, will remain the same as last year and are listed below. Online registrations will open in June with links to the registration portal posted at... <https://www.glencovecatholic.org/religious-education>.

One Student:	\$150
Additional Students:	\$25/each
First Communion:	+ \$100
Confirmation:	+ \$100
Catchup Online Courses:	\$25/each course

REMINDER: Change in Confirmation Age/Grade

As of last year, we have moved Confirmation to 7th grade. For 8th grade students who still need to receive Confirmation, please register for Confirmation with the 7th graders. Confirmations will take place in early autumn, 2027.

Fr Gabriel Rach

Pastor, St Patrick Parish – St Rocco – St Hyacinth

Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 - Parents' Responsibilities

Parents, you are responsible for the religious education of your children. Our non-sacramental years are offered for you to lead your children through at your discretion.

Timeline	Deadline	Complete?
☐ Register with St Patrick/Hyacinth/Rocco https://www.glencovecatholic.org/religious-education Shortly after the registration deadline, the online course logins are sent, and students may begin the course.	September 14, 2026	
☐ Complete Appropriate Faith & Life Course	May 30 th , 2027	

☐ Faith Encounters

The Faith & Life Online Course will be the main place where your child will be able to learn the “what” of their Catholic Faith. To help supplement this, we will offer four Faith Encounter sessions throughout the year grouped by grades/ages. These sessions will allow a priest to personally speak to the children about important topics and answer question. Each 30-minute session will rotate between our three churches. Parents must be present for the sessions (no dropping-off and picking-up).

Faith Encounter Dates: Please place these dates on your calendar.

Thursdays in the Church at 4:30pm:

Grades 1	Grades 3 & 4	Grades 5 & 6	Location/Church
Thursday, October 29, 2026	Thursday, November 5, 2026	Thursday, November 12, 2026	St Hyacinth
Thursday, December 10, 2026	Thursday, December 3, 2026	Thursday, January 28, 2027	St Patrick
Thursday, February 25, 2027	Thursday, January 21, 2027	Thursday, March 18, 2027	St Rocco
Thursday, March 11, 2027	Thursday, April 1, 2027	Thursday, April 15, 2027	St Hyacinth

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Parent Testimony

I, the parent of _____, have read and accept my responsibilities, and acknowledge that I am taking responsibility for the religious education of my child.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____