

## Guidelines for Children's Liturgies 2014-2015

- Children in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older are invited to read the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings.
- Children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and older are invited to read the Prayers of the Faithful.
- Children of all ages, beginning with Kindergarten, are invited to bring up the gifts and greet the parishioners at the door.
- If your child has been identified as a participant for a mass (Greeter, Gift bearer, Reader), confirmation of his/her participation will be forwarded to you by email.
- We welcome children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or older to participate in the choir. Participation is a one-year commitment from October 2013 through April 2014 (for the total of seven liturgies).
- **It is essential that children attend rehearsals.** There is one rehearsal for readers, gift bearers, and greeters, which is held the Thursday immediately before the Liturgy for approximately 1 hour (less time for greeters and gift bearers). We ask, if at all possible, that parents stay with their children during rehearsal. Most choir rehearsals are held on the two consecutive Thursdays immediately preceding the Mass, unless otherwise notified. **Please see the schedule below for all Mass and rehearsal dates and times.**
- Children should arrive at church no later than 5:00 p.m. the evening of the Mass.
- For the Mass, the dress code for Greeters, Gift Bearers and Readers should be 'Sunday best'. The Choir dress code will be black pants/skirt and white shirt or blouses.

**Please return the sign-up sheet to the St. Rose Religious Education Office, 38 Church Hill Road, if your child wishes to participate in the Children's Liturgy.**

<b>Children's Liturgy Date</b> Saturday, 5:30 Mass	<b>Choir Rehearsals</b> Thursdays, 4:00-5:00pm, Church	<b>Reader, Gift Bearer &amp; Greeter Rehearsal</b> Thursday, 4:45-5:45pm, Church
October 4	September 25 & October 2	October 2
November 8	October 30 & November 6	November 6
December 13* (evening of live nativity)	December 4 & 11	December 11
January 10	January 8	January 8
February 14 (for scouts)	February 5 & 12	February 12
March 21	March 12 & 19	March 19
April 25	April 23	April 23

\*Please note: Children should be involved in **one** ministry: either choir or reading/gift bearer.