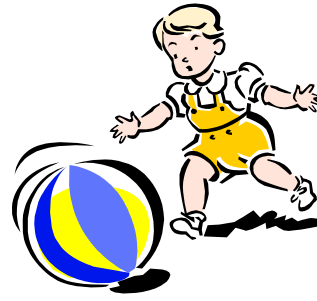




## St. Mary's Nursery Guidelines



### Mission Statement:

St. Mary's Nursery program is a place for children ages 1 to 4 years old to learn about God and the Catholic faith through simple interactive lessons. The program is designed to create an enjoyable, safe, and educational environment for the children of the parish to learn about their faith at their own level. The focus of the nursery program is to teach the children about God and the stories in the bibles through songs, stories, and crafts.

### Guidelines:

- St. Mary's Nursery will be available during the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.
- Parents can sign their children in 10 minutes prior to Mass until 5 minutes after Mass begins.
- Parents should pick their children up immediately after Mass, but not prior to Mass ending. On Coffee and Donut Sunday please pick your child up before getting in line for donuts.
- There will be a limit to the number of children signed into the Nursery each Mass. The number will be determined by the number of volunteers present that day. Once the Nursery has reached its capacity, which is determined by the ratio of volunteers to children, no more children will be accepted. Children will be accepted into the Nursery Program on a first come first serve basis.
- Parents will be required to volunteer in the Nursery for 1 Mass every six weeks.
- No food or drink will be allowed in St. Mary's Nursery.
- Children's diapers should be changed prior to the beginning of Mass and will not be changed at the Nursery.
- Children will be allowed to bring 1 toy into the Nursery. All other belongings should be kept with the parents. The toy should be clearly labeled. St. Mary's Nursery is not responsible for any item brought into the nursery that are lost or stolen. There will be toys and activities provided for the children.
- All children will be provided with numbered name tags. Each parent will be given a slip with their child's number on it. The numbered slips will be used to claim your child at the end of Mass. If the slip is lost a driver's license will be required to claim your child.
- Children who are sick will not be allowed to stay for the Nursery Program.
- Volunteers will be instructed on the St. Mary's Nursery Guidelines for behavior, safety, and procedures. There will be at least 1 staff member present who is First Aid and CPR certified at all times.
- If you would like a copy of the safety or behavior management guidelines or have any questions please contact Elizabeth Lind at StMaryYM@aol.com or 847-669-3137 ext. 116.