



St. Mary's
Office of Religious Education
Registration Newsletter
Fall 2018

Registration Times

Sat. Aug. 25	After 4 pm Mass
Sun. Aug. 26	After all Masses
Thurs. Aug. 30	3 - 7 pm
Tues. Sept. 4	3 - 7 pm
Thurs. Sept. 6	3 - 7 pm
Sat. Sept. 8	After 4 pm Mass
Sun. Sept. 9	After all Masses
Wed. Sept. 12	3 - 7 pm

Registration on Aug. 25 & 26 and Sept. 8 & 9 will take place at St. Mary's Church Hall. All other dates will take place at our RE Center located at 30 Seton Way.

Class Times for 2018/2019

Grades 1 - 5	Tuesdays	3:45 pm - 5 pm
Grades K - 5	Sundays	11:30 am - 12:45 pm <i>(Choose the above time most convenient for your family)</i>
Grades 6 - 8	Wednesdays	7:15 pm - 8:30 pm
Grades 9 & 10	Tuesdays	7:15 pm - 8:30 pm
Grade 11	Tuesdays	7:15 pm - 8:30 pm <i>(Grade 11 meets from Sept. until Confirmation)</i>

Please Note

We have Kindergarten classes! Kindergarten is offered only on Sundays.

Adult Classes

Classes can be arranged for any adult interested in receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Penance and/or Confirmation. Simply stop in to register!



Sacraments

The Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist are celebrated after a two-year preparation period. This is normally our grade one & grade two classes. In the fall, we also offer a Sacraments Class during our regularly scheduled Sunday and Tuesday classes for students in grade two or three who need Penance and First Eucharist. We also have additional preparation in place for older students who desire these sacraments. We will provide further information upon registration.



Confirmation is an on-going preparation period beginning in sophomore year and continuing through December of junior year. Specific Confirmation information can be obtained further in this Newsletter.

Catholic High School

Catholic High School students are required to register for Confirmation preparation in junior year. Our Confirmation classes begin the end of September and continue until the first week of December. The day and time of classes is listed on the first page. We will inform students about service projects and retreat requirements upon registration.

Confirmation 2018

The date for Confirmation has been scheduled for *Sunday December 2, 2018 at 2 pm* in our Church with Reverend Monsignor George F. Carlson, Temporary Episcopal Vicar, South Region. We ask all our Confirmation students to give some thought over the summer to choosing a sponsor. A *sponsor* is a baptized, confirmed practicing Catholic who will be a good mentor for you in your Christian journey.

Our Confirmation students who attend public schools are already participating in a *service project*. Those choosing the *Randolph Friendly Food Pantry* as their service project will be asked to complete this project by the second night of class scheduled for Tuesday October 2, 2018 which *will include a meeting for parents!* Our first class has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 25, 2018 from 7:15 pm to 8:30 pm in our Religious Education Center.

Our Confirmation candidates must complete a *retreat requirement*. Our *retreat day* has been scheduled for *Saturday October 27 - 9 am to 8:30 pm* in our Religious Education Center. We ask that all Confirmation Candidates put this date on their calendars. More detailed information will be available during registration.





Baptismal Certificates

Baptismal certificates are required for all Kindergarten students as well as new registrations. If you have a student enrolled in our program and have not yet brought in a Baptismal certificate, please do so upon registration so that we are able to update records. This is especially important if you have students in a Sacrament grade. A Baptismal certificate is required for the reception of any Sacrament. Obtaining a Baptismal certificate is not necessary if your student was baptized at St. Mary Church. To obtain a Baptismal certificate from another Parish, simply call the office of the church where your student was baptized and ask them to send a copy to your home address or fax a copy to our office at 781-961-5055. **Students will not be able to begin class in September if we do not have a Baptismal Certificate on file.**

FYI

Please note that all class assignments are on a first come/first served basis. We cannot guarantee placement for students who attempt to register late. As you may notice, our grades K through Five students can choose to attend class on Sundays or K through 5 on Tuesday. At times, a particular class may become full and a choice is not possible. If the class times offered cause a scheduling conflict for your family, please bring it to our attention when you come to register your student. Upon registration, each family will be asked to fill out or update a *student information sheet*.

No student can attend a class without a completed or updated information sheet.

Catechists

We are already searching for Catechists for the coming school year. We provide a detailed Catechist Manual containing lesson plans for each chapter. This manual is so precise it even suggests what to say! Our young people bring energy, spirit and enthusiasm to everything they do. Come and be a part of their zest for life by bringing them your story!



Opening Week

Our *Catechists Only Meetings* are scheduled as follows: Sunday September 16th at 11:30 for our K thru 5 Sunday Catechists, Tuesday September 18th at 3:45 for our 1 thru 5 Catechists and 7 pm for our 6 - 11 Catechists. Our first classes are scheduled for Sunday September 23th, Tuesday September 25th or Wednesday September 26th. Detailed schedules will be distributed at registration. **Catechetical Sunday** will be celebrated on Sunday September 16th at the 10 am Mass followed by coffee, juice and donuts in the Church hall. All are invited as we gather as community for food and fellowship.

Continued Faith Formation

We eagerly anticipate the return of your student in September. As important as "Sacrament" grades are (celebrating Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation) we believe catechesis for EVERY grade (K through 11) plays a vital role in the faith life of your child. Gathering together with peers to hear about a God who loves them unconditionally, learning about Catholic Church teachings and rituals, participating in group discussions and praying are invaluable tools for ongoing faith formation. We are grateful to be a part of your family's Catholic journey!

Questions?

Please do not hesitate to call if you need any further information. Our number is 781-961-5009 or you can email PJO4540@aol.com. Our Religious Education Office closed on Friday July 6th at noon and will reopen on Tuesday August 7th.

