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St. Anthony and St. Rita Faith Formation Office

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 16, 2018. The 2018 theme will be "**Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ.**" Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Now to administrative details:

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES: New Students in grades 1 – 10: A photocopy of each child's baptismal certificate must accompany the registration form. **No child can begin classes in September unless we have a copy of their Baptismal certificate.**

If your child was baptized at St. Anthony parish or St. Rita parish, check the appropriate box on the registration form.

CALENDAR: Please put the enclosed calendar in a safe place and check it regularly. Classes that meet on a specific weekday have their own schedule independent of the other days.

ATTENDANCE: The Diocese of Fall River mandates that there be at least 24 hours of Faith Formation instruction. In order to provide 24 classes between mid-September and mid-April, classes may be held on the Sundays at the end of school vacations. This is due to other events taking place both inside and outside of our parish. St. Anthony and St. Rita Parishes are dedicated and committed to our catechetical ministry and we ask your involvement by seeing that your child attends class each week. Each lesson taught builds upon the one before so that your children receive a more complete catechesis. Grades 1-8 will be allowed 3 excused absences a year. Those in Grades 9 and 10 will be allowed 2 excused absences. The only excused absences are illness or a death in the family. If your child will be absent from class on any given day, please call the Faith Formation Office at (508) 758-3735 to report the absence or if your child has missed only one session, you may send a note when your child returns to class. For two or more consecutive absences, please notify this office. Continued unexcused absences will result in your child completing makeup work or repeating a grade before he or she will be allowed to move on to the next level. Continued absence will delay receiving the sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Classes will begin **September 16 & 17, 2018**, respectively.

GRADES 1 THROUGH 6 ONLY: Families may choose **Sunday or Monday**.

The number of slots available (in parentheses) will be strictly adhered to. Please do not ask that we make an exception for your family.

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Monday</u>
10:30 – 11:30am	3:30- 4:30pm	5:00 – 6:00pm
Grade 1– 1 class (8)	Grade 1 – 1 class (8)	Grade 1 – 1 class (8)
Grade 2 – 1 classes (8)	Grade 2 – 1 class (8)	Grade 2 – 1 class (8)
Grade 3– 2 classes (18)	Grade 3 – 2 classes (18)	Grade 3 – 1 class (9)
Grade 4– 1 class (10)	Grade 4 1 class (10)	Grade 4 – 1 classes (10)
Grade 5– 1 class (10)	Grade 5 – 1 classes (10)	Grade 5 – 2 classes (20)
Grade 6– 2 classes (20)	Grade 6 – 1 class (10)	Grade 6 – 1 class (10)

JUNIOR HIGH: Grades 7 & 8, all classes: Monday 6:30 – 7:30pm

HIGH SCHOOL:

Confirmation I (grade 9):

Sunday morning 8:00 am – 10:20am, twice a month

Confirmation II (Grade 10):

Sunday morning 8:00am- 10:20am, twice a month

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR:

Our students will be expected to:

- 1. Show respect at all times – for the catechists, their classmates and themselves. Disrespectful or rude language and rude behavior will not be tolerated. This includes laughing at another’s mistake or incorrect answer; discrimination (racism, sexism, etc.) of any kind; bullying.**
- 2. We expect them to be courteous as well. When the catechist or a classmate is speaking on topic, student is actively listening. No side conversations, doodling, text messaging or fooling around.**
- 3. Cell phones should be left at home or turned off for the time your child is in class.**
- 4. Students should arrive before the class begins so as not to interrupt the lesson.**

CONSEQUENCES OF MISBEHAVIOR

First offense: Student will be asked to stop misbehaving.

Second offense: Student will be sent out of the classroom to work alone in the hall. Student may return to the classroom at the discretion of the catechist.

Third offense: Student will be sent to Mrs. Chaplain. He/she will also be asked to apologize to the catechist and classmates, either orally or by letter. Student may return to class at the discretion of the catechist and/or Mrs. Chaplain.

Fourth offense:

a. Parent is called to pick up student. If parent is unable to pick up student before the end of class, student remains with Mrs. Chaplain. Student will write a 25 word essay on a topic to be given by Mrs. Chaplain.

b. Parent attends the next and subsequent classes with the student until behavior is remediated.

5. Last resort: Student is expelled from the program. Student will be responsible for all work missed as a result of being out of the classroom or the program.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Together, we can raise the children of our parishes to be witnesses to others of God’s love by being kind, compassionate and respectful citizens of the world.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: If inclement weather closes the public school, there will be no Faith Formation classes that day. **We are now using cancellations.com to notify parents and staff of cancellations.**

WHEN SEVERE WEATHER THREATENS:

1. Log on to www.cancellations.com
2. Under “Check for Cancellations”, enter the zip code or parish name.
3. Click “Go”
4. Under “**results**”, look for the name of our parish
5. Click on the parish name. If posted, details of cancellations, early dismissals, etc. will be provided.

May God bless you and keep you in His loving care,

Mary Arikian Chaplain

Mary Arikian Chaplain, Director of Faith Formation

**St. Anthony Parish Faith Formation
VOLUNTEER FORM
2018– 2019**

We need catechists and other volunteers for all grades. YOU. YES, YOU have special gifts to share. Please look at the volunteer form listed below. After reflection and prayer, please choose how you will share your time and talent with the young people of our parish.

... You are the light of the world... your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father (Matthew 5: 14a, 16)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____ **PHONE:** _____

Email: _____

_____ **CATECHIST:** requires about two and a half to three hours a week to both prepare and to teach the lesson.

Manuals and training are provided. We waive the registration fee for full-time catechists only.
If needed, babysitting can be arranged.

GRADE THAT I AM WILLING TO TEACH: _____

DAY(S) AND TIME AVAILABLE:

Grades 1 – 6: Sun__ 10:30am **Mon**__ 3:30 pm or **Mon** __5:00 pm

Grade 7 or 8: Mon __6:30 pm

Confirmation I: Sun __8:00am

Confirmation II: Sun __8:00am

_____ **SUBSTITUTE CATECHIST:** requires willingness to fill in when a regular catechist cannot teach on a given day -- sometimes with only an hour's notice. The registration fee is **not** waived for substitute catechists.

DAY(S) AND TIME AVAILABLE:

Grades 1 – 6: Sun__--10:30 am **Mon**__--3:30 or __--5:00 pm

Grade 7 or 8: Mon __6:30 pm

Confirmation I: Sun __8:00am

Confirmation II: Sun __8:00am

_____ **CLASSROOM AIDE:** will assist catechist in the classroom on a weekly basis. Reliable teenagers welcome!

DAY(S) AND TIME AVAILABLE:

Grades 1 – 6: Sun__ 10:30 am **Mon**__ 3:30 or __5:00 pm

_____ **GUEST SPEAKER:** Do you have a story of faith or witness to share? We often ask those in our parish communities to share their faith with our Junior High and High School students. It is a one-time commitment.

_____ **SACRAMENT LUNCHEON OR RECEPTION:** Will be responsible for organizing and/or helping with the luncheon or receptions that follow the Confirmation and First Penance ceremonies. In order to allow the parents of those receiving the sacraments to enjoy the experience, it is preferable that those who do not have a child in grade 2 or 10 volunteer for this.

RECEPTION THAT I WILL ASSIST WITH: First Penance__ Confirmation__