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St. Anthony ~ St. Rita Faith Formation Office

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Catechetical Sunday, a national day to celebrate the ministry of passing on the faith, will be Sunday, September 15, 2024. This year's theme is :

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"
"Señor, ¿cuándo te vimos hambriento? "
Matthew 25:37/Mateo 25;37

With these words from the Gospel, the Lord Jesus offers an invitation to us to help those less fortunate whenever we can.

We will continue to use **A Family of Faith** by Sophia Institute for grades 1 - 8. This year's focus is **Exploring the Sacraments**.

For our new families, A Family of Faith is a family-based Catechism series that covers the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church in four years and assists parents in teaching their children the Faith. One special advantage to teaching children catechism at home is that it is an opportunity to draw your family closer together. Each month parents and catechists discuss one or two chapters of the book and then the parents teach it to their children. There are activities in each chapter to help the children to learn the key points. We will continue to plan opportunities during the year for families to spend time with each other so that we can support one another in this holy endeavor.

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.

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

ATTENDANCE: For First Communion and Confirmation: The Diocese of Fall River mandates that there be at least 24 hours of Faith Formation instruction in the parish. For those receiving First Communion, these classes are **in addition to** Family of Faith.

St. Anthony Parish and St. Rita Parish 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. **Those preparing for First Communion will be allowed 3 excused absences. 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.

CLASS SCHEDULE

GRADES 1 THROUGH 8 ONLY: In 2019, we transitioned to a new model for Faith Formation. We are excited to implement “A Family of Faith.” Parents attend meetings once a month. Then parents will instruct their children at home for the remainder of the lessons for that month.

FIRST COMMUNION: Students preparing to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion will attend classes conducted by the parish. **These classes are not a substitute for A Family of Faith, but in addition to.** Please indicate the preferred time you wish your child to attend.

HIGH SCHOOL: Confirmation I (grade 9) and Confirmation II (Grade 10):

Time: Sunday morning twice a month 8:00 – 10:30 am.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: We use 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 St. Anthony. I haven’t changed to the new name yet.
5. Click on the parish name. If posted, details of cancellations, early dismissals, etc. will be provided.

USEFUL LINKS: Bustedhalo.com Ascensionpress.com Catholicicing.com Catholicmom.com

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

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**St. Anthony - St. Rita Parish Faith Formation
Registration 2024 – 2025**

FAMILY INFORMATION

FATHER/GUARDIAN NAME: First _____ Last _____

MOTHER/GUARDIAN NAME: First _____ Last _____ Maiden name _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ Town _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (Our primary method for notices and information): _____

Contact Info:	Home Phone	Work Phone	Mobile Phone
Father/Guardian			
Mother/Guardian			

ALTERNATE EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME & PHONE: _____

STUDENT INFORMATION:

NOTE- NEW STUDENTS ONLY: A photocopy of your child's Baptismal Certificate **MUST** accompany the registration form if your son/daughter was not baptized at St. Anthony parish or St. Rita parish.

Check here if your child(ren) were baptized at St. Anthony check here if your child(ren) were baptized at St. Rita

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)</u>	<u>Date of Baptism (MM/DD/YYYY)</u>	<u>FF Grade</u>

For Grade 2 only: Nothing is definite yet. I would like to know what time you would prefer for classes. **List at least three choices.** The day and time with the most votes will be when we hold class.

xxxxxxx	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesda y</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<u>9:30 am</u>	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
<u>10:30 am</u>		xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
<u>4:30 pm</u>	xxxxxxx					
<u>5:00 pm</u>	xxxxxxx					
<u>5:30 pm</u>	xxxxxxx					

