



ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH

The Catholic Parish of East Falmouth on Cape Cod

St. Anthony's Faith Formation Newsletter- September 19, 2018

Dear Faith Formation Families,

Our Faith Formation classes begin this weekend! We are very excited to start up our program once again and to see you all after a long summer. There is still some time to register if you have not done so. Please check our website at www.stanthonyscapecod.org/faithformationforms for more info.

Gr. 1-7 Classes

Our Faith Formation program begins this weekend! Sunday students will meet on **Sunday, September 23 from 9:50 am- 10:50 am**, and Monday students will meet on **Monday, September 24 from 4:15 pm- 5:15 pm**. **Please plan on staying for a few minutes for a brief message from Fr. Steve and myself.**

For Sunday students: When you arrive there will be signs posted around the main room of the hall which will correspond with the class your child is enrolled in (i.e. if your child is enrolled in 1st Communion prep pt. 1, stand under that sign) Your child's catechist will be standing under those signs to greet your child and to check them in as present.

For Monday students: When you arrive we will direct you to your catechist/grade group. Your catechist will then take your child's attendance before heading to the classroom.

Pre-Confirmation (gr. 8) & Confirmation: Encountering Christ (gr. 9)

Our pre-Confirmation (gr. 8) and Confirmation (gr. 9) programs also begin this **Sunday, September 23**. The day will begin with a check-in downstairs **before the 11AM Mass**. A sign-in sheet will be available for you to sign when you check in. After checking in, please head upstairs for Mass. **After Mass, pre-Confirmation (gr.8) will head over to Fatima Hall and Confirmation (gr. 9) will head downstairs of the parish basement for our sessions.** We will be serving pizza for both grades at the beginning of

our session. Our sessions will conclude at **1:15pm**.

We are in need of a few volunteers to help set up and organize this pizza that morning. **If you are interested in helping**, please get in touch with Jonathan as soon as possible.

Faith Formation Tuition

If you have not paid your Faith Formation fee, please do so as soon as possible. As a reminder, our Faith Formation fee for the upcoming year is \$30/student (max \$60/family) **for grs. 1-8** and \$45/student (max \$90/family) **for gr. 9**. This fee goes to covering our textbooks, supplies, and other materials that we need during the year. All checks can be made payable to St. Anthony's Church (please put Faith Formation in the memo line). You may also pay online at <https://stanthonyscapecod.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/FaithFormationTuition> using our secure Online Sharing module. Any questions, please feel free to get in touch with Jonathan.

Knights of Columbus Essay Contest

Every year the Knights of Columbus hold an essay contest. Students in grades 8-12 can enter this contest.

This contest encourages today's youth to be more connected to their community and their faith. The goal of this program is to involve young Catholics in 8th through 12th grade (public, private, parochial or home schools) in civic discourse and instill in them religious and life-affirming values. The essay should be approximately 500-750 words. Entrants will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme - which should showcase creativity, imagination and overall development of the topic.

2018-2019 Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Prompt: How does your family keep its Catholic Faith in Action?

Our Catholic faith is the starting point of all our actions. In ways both large and small, our families constantly rise to Christ's challenge. In an essay of 500-750 words, reflect on how your family puts its Catholic faith in action, every day. This could be through daily prayers as a family, volunteering to help the less fortunate in your community or even just reminding those in your life of how much they mean to you.

For more information, please get in touch with Jonathan.

RCIA

If you or anyone you may know are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith, please contact either Jonathan or Fr. Steve. A program is beginning in just a few weeks for those who are interested.

This Week in Liturgy

Find creative, age-targeted ideas for [learning about the Sunday Scripture readings](#) with your family!

First Reading

Wisdom 2:12,17-20

The just one is put to the test.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 54:3-4,5,6 & 8

A prayer for God's protection.

Second Reading

James 3:16—4:3

James teaches about the wisdom from above.

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus teaches his disciples that the greatest are those who serve all.

Saint of the Week



Saint Robert Bellarmine

This week we celebrate the feast of St. Robert Bellarmine. Robert was a Cardinal during the 1500s in Italy and became an adviser to the popes on various doctrinal matters. He is considered a Doctor of the Church, meaning he has contributed in a significant way to the teachings of the Church. His feast day is September 17th.

[**Click here to learn more about St. Robert!**](#)

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