

St. Anne Religious Education Handbook

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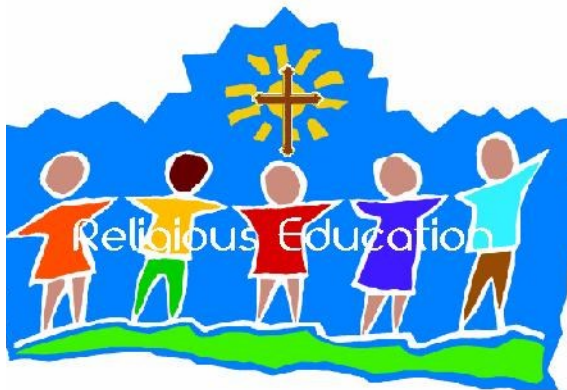
Class Scheduling

Sunday Mornings: Grades 1 - 3
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evenings: Grades 9 - 10
5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
including 5:30 p.m. mass

Monday Afternoons: Grades 4 - 6
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Monday Evenings: Grades 7 - 8
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.



Program Enhancements

Living one's faith is the other side of the coin of "knowing" one's faith. In order to better enhance this aspect of Religious Education and formation, the following will be added to the program:

1. **Mass:** Fr. Albert will say a teaching mass once in each class for Grades 1 to 8. Grades 9 & 10 are expected to attend the 5:30 p.m. Sunday mass, or any of the other masses on the weekend if they cannot make the 5:30 p.m. mass.
2. **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Grades 3 to 10 will have the opportunity to receive this sacrament in the church seasons of Advent and Lent during class. Confirmation candidates will be required to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation the Saturday before Confirmation.
3. **Altar Server Training:** Grades 4 to 9 will receive altar server training as part of their religious education to better understand the mass. Once trained, students who wish to altar serve at mass will be put on the master parish schedule.
4. **Lector Training:** Grades 9 to 10 will have the opportunity to practice reading scripture and leading their class in prayer. Students who would like to read, will be invited to do so at one of the 5:30 p.m. Sunday masses.
5. **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:** All Confirmation candidates will receive training in this ministry so that following their Confirmation they will have the opportunity to serve at the weekend masses.

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Program Expectations and Policies

Attendance:

Students enrolled in religious education classes are expected to attend all scheduled classes. If a student needs to be absent, please call the Religious Education Office at **508-485-5452** to leave a message for the catechist. Please leave the child’s name, grade and the reason for the absence. Students with 3 excused absences will be given a take-home lesson with a hand-in assessment. Students with more than 3 absences (excused/unreported) will need to speak with Father Albert or the Director of Religious Education to make arrangements for lesson make-up based on number of classes missed and circumstances.

Weather Cancellations:

In the event that a scheduled class needs to be canceled due to weather, parish scheduling conflict, power outage, etc., families will be notified via their preferred email address identified from their RE registration form. Canceled classes will not have a make-up date.

Cell Phones and Digital Devices:

Cell phone use is not permitted during RE classes. Cell phones will be collected at the start of classes and returned at the conclusion of the class (or when a student needs to leave). Each RE class catechist will provide families with a cell phone number for use in case of emergencies.

Dietary Restrictions/Allergies:

Any dietary restrictions or allergies should be recorded on RE registration forms. Snacks given during RE classes will adhere to the restrictions set for each class. Ingredient labels will be available upon request. Epi-pens should be checked in with catechists at the start of class for Grades 1-6.

Learning Differences:

All are welcome to share in learning about the Good News. If a student requires special accommodations, please record their learning needs on the RE registration form or speak with the Director of Religious Education.

Expected Behavior:

Sharing and true reflection requires a trusting environment. All RE class participants are expected to be respectful of themselves and others. Behavior that ridicules, mocks, or diminishes others will be promptly addressed.

Grade 1 & 2 (Non-Sacramental)

Grades 1-2 RE is intended for first graders and for second graders who are enrolling in their FIRST RE class.

Meeting Day/Times: Sundays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Catechists: Pat Battles & Jane Wood

Books/Materials Used: *We Believe: God Loves Us*

Brief Description of Program:

Lessons are divided into 4 Units:

Jesus Teaches about God's Love: God is Our Father, We Believe in the Blessed Trinity, Jesus Grew Up in a Family, Jesus Works Among the People, Jesus Teaches Us About Love

We Are Followers of Jesus: Jesus Had Many Followers, Jesus Died and Rose to New Life, Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit, The Holy Spirit Helps the Church to Grow, The Church Serves

We Belong to the Church: We Belong to a Parish, We Celebrate the Sacraments, The Church Welcomes New Members, We Are Followers of Jesus, We Celebrate God's Forgiveness

We Celebrate and Live Our Faith: Jesus Gives Us the Eucharist, We Celebrate the Mass, We Share God's Love, We Honor Mary and the Saints, We Care for the Gifts of God's Creation

Class Dates:

- September 16 & 23
- October 14 & 28
- November 4 & 18
- December 2 & 9
- January 6 & 13
- February 3 & 10
- March 3 & 10
- April 7 & 28
- May 5 & 19

Special Liturgy:

- *April 19—Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.*

Grade 2 and older (First Reconciliation and First Communion Sacramental Preparation)

Grade 2+ RE is intended for second graders (and older students) planning to prepare to receive Sacraments in Spring 2019.

Meeting Day/Times: Sundays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Catechists: Joanne Flathers & Pat Draper

Books/Materials Used: *We Celebrate the Eucharist*

Brief Description of Program:

Lessons are divided into 10 themes: Belonging, Celebrating, Listening, Caring, Making Peace, Giving Thanks for Creation, Giving Thanks for New Life, Sharing a Meal, the Mass, and Going Forth. Each lesson builds upon the last to guide children in their understanding of God's love and mercy and to prepare them to receive God's gift of forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to take part in our faith community's meal of thanksgiving, the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Class Dates:

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| • September 16 & 23 | February 3 & 10 |
| • October 14 & 28 | March 3 & 10 |
| • November 4 & 18 | April 7 & 28 |
| • December 2 & 9 | May 5 & 19 |
| • January 6 & 13 | |

Retreats/Special Masses/Sacramental Liturgy:

- November 4— Inscruption Mass at 10:30 a.m.
- January 27— Sacrament of Reconciliation at 2:00 p.m.
- April 7— FC Retreat for students/parents at 8:30 a.m.
- *April 19—Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.*
- May 5— First Communion Mass at 1:00 p.m.
- May 19— FC Going Forth Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Parent Meeting Dates:

- THURSDAY, Sept 13 - Parent Info Session at 7:00 p.m.
- January 13 - First Reconciliation Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
- April 7 - First Communion Meeting during Retreat

Grade 3

Meeting Day/Times: Sundays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Catechists: Deborah Sanford/Laura Schroeder
Books/Materials Used: *We Believe: We Are the Church*

Brief Description of Program:

Lessons are divided into 4 Units:

Jesus Gives Us the Church: God Gives Us His Own Son, Jesus Teaches Us About God's Love, Christ Will Come Again, The Church Begins, We Learn About the Early Church

We Are Members of the Church: The Church Has Four Marks, The Church Teaches Us, The Church Prays, The Parish Is Our Home, God Calls Us to Holiness

The Church Leads Us in Worship: We Celebrate the Sacraments, Celebrating the Eucharist, We Worship at Mass, Celebrating Penance and Reconciliation, We Pray for Healing and Eternal Life

We Are Called to Discipleship: We Continue the Work of Jesus, The Church Respects All People, The Church is Worldwide, We Are God's Holy People, The Kingdom of God Continues to Grow

Class Dates:

- September 16 & 23
- October 14 & 28
- November 4 & 18
- December 2 & 9
- January 6 & 13
- February 3 & 10
- March 3 & 10
- April 7 & 28
- May 5 & 19

Special Liturgy:

- *April 19—Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.*

Grade 4-5

Meeting Day/Times: Mondays, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Catechists: Beth McGonagle/NEED
Books/Materials Used: *We Believe: God's Law Guides Us*

Brief Description of Program:

Lessons are divided into 4 Units:

Growing in Jesus Christ: Jesus - the Way, the Truth, and the Life, Jesus Leads Us to Happiness, Sin in Our World, Our Conscience, Our Guide, Celebrating Penance and Reconciliation

The Commandments Help Us to Love God: Learning About God's Love, The First Commandment, The Second Commandment, Strengthened by the Eucharist

The Commandments Help Us to Love Others: The Fourth Commandment, The Fifth Commandment, The Sixth Commandment, The Seventh Commandment, The Eighth Commandment

We Are Called to Holiness: The Ninth Commandment, The Tenth Commandment, We Grow in Holiness, We Are the Church, We Are Called to Discipleship

Class Dates:

- September 17 & 24
- October 15 & 29
- November 5 & 19
- December 3 & 10
- January 7 & 14
- February 4 & 11
- March 4 & 11
- April 8 & 29
- May 6 & 20

Special Liturgy:

- *April 19—Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.*

Grade 6

Meeting Day/Times: Mondays, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Catechists: NEED/NEED
Books/Materials Used: *We Live Our Faith:*
As Disciples of Jesus
 Edge Resources

Brief Description of Program:

Lessons are divided into 4 Units:

Who Is God?: The Source of All Life, The Truth Revealed, The Blessed Trinity, Our Loving Father, The Good News, and Helper and Guide

Who Is Jesus?: The Promise of Salvation, The Promised Messiah, The Healer, The Bread of Life,

How is Jesus Alive in the Church Today?: The Seven Sacraments

How Does the Church Live As The Body of Christ: Living Out Our Vocation, Gathering As Christ's Disciples, Performing Works of Mercy, Working for Justice and Peace, Rejoicing in God's Kingdom

Class Dates:

- September 17 & 24
- October 15 & 29
- November 5 & 19
- December 3 & 10
- January 7 & 14
- February 4 & 11
- March 4 & 11
- April 8 & 29
- May 6 & 20

Special Liturgy:

- *April 19—Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.*

Grade 7-8

Meeting Day/Times: Mondays, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Catechists: Melissa Shields/NEED
Books/Materials Used: *We Believe: We Are God's People*

Brief Description of Program:

Lessons are divided into 4 Units:

Forming the Covenant: God's Revelation, Creation, People Turn from God, God Promises to Help People, The Patriarchs: God Chooses a People.

Building the Covenant: An Enslaved People, A Free People, A Conquering People, A Royal People, A Prosperous People

Redefining the Covenant: A Divided People: Israel, the Northern Kingdom, A Divided People: Judah, the Southern Kingdom, The Exile and the Journey Home, A Strong People, God Fulfills His Promise

The Covenant Fulfilled in Jesus: Jesus, Teacher and Healer, Jesus, Redeemer and Savior, The Church Begins, The Bible and the Church Today, The Church in the World

Class Dates:

- September 17 & 24
- October 15 & 29
- November 5 & 19
- December 3 & 10
- January 7 & 14
- February 4 & 11
- March 4 & 11
- April 8 & 29
- May 6 & 20

Special Liturgy:

- *April 19—Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.*

Grade 9-10**(2 year Confirmation Sacramental Preparation)**

Meeting Day/Times: Sundays, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
(includes 5:30 p.m. Youth Mass)

Catechists: Monica Shay Joe Cruciani
Val Provencher John Andries
Monique Duross Marybeth Philbin-Harrigan

Books/Materials Used:

Catholic Faith Handbook *St. Joseph Confirmation Book*
Theology of the Body *Anointed in the Spirit*
LifeTeen Resources

Brief Description of Program:

Confirmation is the third sacrament of initiation where the Candidate reaffirms their Catholic Faith that began with their Baptism. By perpetuating the same “grace” received by the Apostles at Pentecost, each Candidate is “sealed and strengthened” by God through the indwelling of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Confirmation Program at St. Anne’s seeks to educate, nourish and guide each Candidate for this important step toward their adult life in the Church.

Grade 9-10 RE Lessons are divided into 4 Units:

The Creed: Our Faith in God and the Mission of the Church

Liturgy and Sacraments: Liturgical Rites and Traditions

Christian Morality: Social Justice and Moral Truths

Christian Prayer: The Forms of Prayer

Confirmation Essentials

- Renewal of Baptismal Promises
- Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- The Rite of Confirmation

Grade 9-10**(2 year Confirmation Sacramental Preparation)**Class Dates:

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| • September 16 & 23 | January 6 & 13 |
| • October 14 & 28 | February 2* & 10 |
| • November 4 & 18 | March 3 & 10 |
| • December 2 & 9 | April 7 & 28 |
| | May 5 & 19 |

Retreats/Special Masses/Sacramental Liturgy:

- Sept 16 - Parent/Candidate Info Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov 18 — Confirmation Inscription Mass, 10:30 a.m.
- April 19—*Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.*
- Mar/Apr 2019 - Confirmation Retreat - Exact date TBD
- Apr/May 2019 - Confirmation Mass at St. Paul’s Cathedral, Worcester - Exact date TBD by Bishop

Class Service Projects/Initiatives:

- *SATURDAY, February 2 - Service Project - Time: TBD (Sunday, February 3 is Superbowl Sunday - No PM class)
- Individual and class service initiatives for 2019 Confirmation candidates
- Interview and Robe Fitting Dates TBD upon confirmation of Confirmation Mass date
- Rehearsal and Dinner for 2019 Confirmation candidates, families and sponsors will be the evening before the Confirmation Mass date - St. Anne Parish Hall

Community Service

Our Father's Table (Monthly):

Founded in October of 1986 by local citizens dedicated to fighting hunger, Our Father's Table is a ministry that serves free dinners to the community on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Our Father's Table is also a way for St. Anne Church to share its love with the wider community. Every fourth Wednesday of the month at **7:00 p.m.** in our Parish Hall kitchen, St. Anne middle schoolers, high schoolers, parents and adult parishioners together prepare an evening meal for Our Father's Table patrons. The meal is then served by St. Anne parishioners the next day at **4:30 p.m.** at New Hope Community Church, 204 Main Street, Marlborough, MA. Signing up for cooking, serving and/or providing ingredients for this monthly meal is conducted online through SignUp Genius. To receive signup notifications, please email jflathers@charter.net.

Giving Tree (Advent):

Each year the parishioners of St. Anne Church help spread Christmas joy and happiness to many families by supporting local charities' gift-giving efforts. In past years, the three local organizations supported were Southborough United Parishes, Southborough Youth and Family Services and Urban Missionaries of Our Lady of Hope in Worcester.

At the start of Advent, the organizations provide our parish with gift requests which are then displayed on a Giving Tree in the church. Parishioners are invited to fulfill as many gift requests as desired. Wrapped gifts are returned to the Giving Tree the first week of December to allow the organizations ample time to distribute the gifts to families.

Community Service

Southborough Food Pantry (Ongoing):

The Southborough Food Pantry (SFP) is an integral part of the United Parishes of Southborough which provides opportunities to be involved ecumenically with the other churches in Southborough. St. Anne parishioners are invited to staff the SFP by signing up for Tuesday evening (7:00 to 8:00 p.m.) and Friday morning (10:00 to 11:00 a.m.) shifts. Boxes are located in the St. Anne Parish Hall foyer for the collection of food and household items such as coffee, cooking oil, laundry detergent, paper towels, toiletries, cereals, rice, canned vegetables, flour, and sugar. For more information, please contact Pat Draper at patdraper@verizon.net.

Service Projects:

Each class will select and decide on an individual age-appropriate class service project to complete at some point during the academic year.

