



*Saint Patrick Parish*  
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Dear Parents & Family,

Thank you for your interest in our Faith Formation (Religious Education / CCD) program. At St. Patrick Parish we believe that Faith Formation is life-long so we do our best to offer programs for all age levels. This letter covers the program for grades 1-10; if you are interested in offerings for other ages as well, please visit our parish website ([www.stpatwatertown.org](http://www.stpatwatertown.org)) or call the office.

*Faith Formation is a partnership between the parish and the family.* Parish classes provide new information and experiences; daily family life incorporates and reinforces those experiences into the life of the child. Please refer to the back of the registration form for more information about the importance of this partnership.

A couple of notes about the upcoming year (October – May):

- *Grades 1-6 will meet from 8:30am to 9:45am* – this is an earlier start time (8:30 am rather than 8:45) than previous years so we have a bit more time for special activities and can still dismiss the group in time for the 10:00 liturgy.
- *Grades 7-10 will meet from 6:00pm to 7:15pm* – the same as in past years.
- *Grades 3 and up will each host ONE Sunday Mass during the year.* The week prior to their grade Mass, the students will have a rehearsal one afternoon (either Tuesday or Wednesday) to practice their roles for the Mass. The calendar will include the specific date for your child's grade.
- *Faith Formation, religious education, CCD (whatever you call it), is progressive.* Like math and other subjects, you cannot grasp the more advanced material unless you are comfortable with the earlier, more basic material. Students must come every year if they expect to be accepted into the Confirmation prep program in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

Every program – whether sports, music, dance, faith formation, or even bus transportation to/from school – has certain required expenses in order to run. We strive to be good stewards of the parish resources in our Faith Formation program. In a normal year, the program costs \$250 - \$300 per child. As you can see on the Registration Form your registration fee covers approximately 1/3 the cost. The rest of the expense is subsidized by the generosity of the parish / parishioners as a whole. To continue to run effectively, *it is important that we receive your payment with your registration form.* As always, if you have a specific financial need, please speak with Sister Susan about the possibility of a scholarship or payment plan.

We are looking forward to receiving your registration form and to being with you in the fall. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours in Christ

Sister Susan Czaplicki, SSND  
Director of Faith Formation/Pastoral Associate

P.S. You can register all of your children (grades 1-10) on the enclosed form. If you have more than 3 children, please duplicate the form or use a blank sheet of paper for the remaining children.

**ST. PATRICK PARISH**  
**2011-2012 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FORM**

You must be a registered parishioner of St. Patrick Parish in order to enroll your child(ren) in the Faith Formation Program.

Yes, I am a registered parishioner of St. Patrick Parish \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)\*

No, I am not registered yet. Please send me registration materials. \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)\*

\* This form must be signed in order to complete the registration process.

\*\*\*\*\* **FAMILY INFORMATION** \*\*\*\*\*

Child(ren)'s Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent(s) Last Name(If different) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone(s) Mother (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Father (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Family E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Father: First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother: First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name / Relation to Child \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Do NOT list yourself as the emergency contact.  
 This is someone we can call if we CANNOT reach you.

*Pictures of the sessions and activities occasionally appear on the parish website. Please let us know, in writing, if you do not want your child's picture to appear. Otherwise, your signature on this form grants permission for your child's photo to be used.*

\*\*\*\*\* **CHILD(REN)'S INFORMATION** \*\*\*\*\*

	Child #1	Child #2	Child #3
<b>PERSONAL INFO</b>			
First Name			
Gender			
Date of Birth			
School Grade in Sept			
Name of School			
Medical Conditions / Disabilities / Allergies (Info is kept confidential)			
Other			
<b>BAPTISM INFO</b>			
Date			
Church			
Church Address			
<b>FIRST COMMUNION INFO</b>			
Date			
Church			
Church Address			

~~~~~ **Faith Formation Expectations** ~~~~~

Participation in Faith Formation (Religious Education, CCD) at St. Patrick Parish includes a family commitment to increasing the faith of the family as well as the individual child. **Faith formation is a partnership** between the parish and the family. Parish classes provide new information and experiences; daily family life incorporates and reinforces those experiences into the life of the child. Increasingly mature faith comes from:

- Regular attendance at Faith Formation classes – both during any given year and from year to year. Students must complete earlier years of classes in order to be accepted into later years.
- Active participation in Liturgy (Mass) each week unless there is a significant reason preventing attendance.
- Knowledge and practice of prayers. Our website lists the basic prayers which we expect our students to know at each grade level.
- Active involvement in our Catholic call to serve others. While we will provide information about some opportunities and even sponsor specific events, it is up to each child / family to find ways to fulfill Jesus' call to serve others.
- Parental participation: every grade has at least one parent meeting. Years during which a child will receive a sacrament include more parental involvement so that we can truly work as partners.

Faith Formation classes alone are not enough for a child/teen to truly grow in his/her faith.

~~~~~ **Schedules** ~~~~~

**Grades 1-6:** Sunday morning -- 8:30 to 9:45 am (10am Family Liturgy followed by coffee/donuts)

**Grades 7-10:** Sunday evening – 6:00 to 7:15 pm

- Occasionally, there are other Faith Formation commitments such as retreats, rehearsals, liturgies and preparation times. These vary depending on the grade. They will be included in the calendar distributed at the beginning of the school year.
- In general, sessions are scheduled from **October through May**. Normally sessions are not scheduled on weekends with Monday holidays. For school vacation weeks, Faith Formation sessions are held one of the two weekends, not both. For specific dates, please refer to the full calendar which will be distributed at the beginning of the school year.
- Children will be assigned to classes *in the order in which registrations are received*.
- No child will be assigned to a class until there is a catechist to teach it. Please consider volunteering as a catechist (teacher), aide, substitute, etc. (see below).

~~~~~ **Volunteer Opportunities** ~~~~~

We need your help, so that together, we can bring our children to their faith. Please indicate any of the ways in which you will enrich our program as a volunteer. Training and support for all volunteers is provided.

**Volunteer's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like to be a **Catechist (Teacher)** for Grade \_\_\_\_\_
- I would like to be a **substitute catechist** for ( \_\_\_\_\_ my child(ren)'s class / \_\_\_\_\_ for any class in which you need me).
- I would like to be a \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_classroom aide
  - \_\_\_hall monitor
  - \_\_\_hospitality aide (help with food and decorations for specific events)
  - \_\_\_Other \_\_\_\_\_

~~~~~ **Registration Fees** ~~~~~

Please make checks payable to St. Patrick Church.

**Return this form with payment to:**  
 St. Patrick Faith Formation Office  
 26R Chestnut Street  
 Watertown, MA 02472

\$75 per student  
 \$100 First Communion (grade 2)  
 \$125 Confirmation (grades 9 & 10)

*If you need financial help, please contact Sister Susan about the availability of scholarships and/or payment plans.*

For Office Use Only: Date rec'd \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Check date \_\_\_\_\_