

# St. Anthony Faith Formation Program

## Norms & Regulations

### Religious Education

Welcome to our Religious Education program. We are here to assist you in your role as the primary religious educators of your children. Do not hesitate to contact us if we can help you in any way. The office is generally open Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 8:00am – Noon, and during all class times on Saturday and Sunday. The office number is 508-824-6241.

### Program Cost

Fees are assessed in order to help defray cost of materials of the program.

1 Student	\$40.00
2 Students	\$70.00
3 Students	\$90.00
4 or more students	\$100.00

### Class Schedule

Each child will be given a schedule of all class times for the year.

Grades 1 – 4 Saturday mornings 9:00am – 10:15

Grades 5 – 8 Sunday morning 9:00am Mass followed by class until 11:30AM

Please arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the start of class. Students will gather in the Church or hall. Students moving to and from their classrooms will do so in a quiet and orderly manner.

Grade 9 Sunday (Time TBA)

### Dismissal

Teachers will escort their class downstairs to the exit door.

### Grading/Exams

Each student in Grades 1 & 2 will be tested orally on their prayers. Students will be assigned prayers that they are responsible for. It is the responsibility of the parents to work with their child to assure memorization of these prayers. Teachers will explain the prayers, but do not have enough class time to spend on memorization. Grades 3 – 8 will be given written exams on what is covered in class, at the discretion of the teacher.

Regular Mass Attendance is part of the religious education of all children.

### Attendance Policy

Attendance is vital at all scheduled classes. Class time is limited, so please make every effort to see that your child arrives on time. If your child is ill, or cannot attend class for a good reason, please call the office at 508 824-6241. If your child must be dismissed, before the end of class, please come into the office to sign your child out. Children will not be allowed to wait outside.

Please pick up your child promptly at dismissal.

### Behavior Policy

If a child is sent to the office for Disciplinary reasons, the following procedure will be in effect.

1 <sup>st</sup> . Offence :	Verbal Warning
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offence:	Parent will be called.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offence:	Parent must attend class with child.

### Tardy Students

Students who are tardy must check in the office and will be given a pass to enter class.

### Baptismal Certificate

Students not baptized at St. Anthony must have a Baptismal Certificate on file at this Church. Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation will not be administered without it.

### First Communion Preparation

St. Anthony offers a two-year sacramental instruction for children preparing for First Penance and reception of the Holy Eucharist. Before receiving these sacraments, the student must complete Grades 1 and 2. Attendance is extremely important to adequately prepare them for this. Any student with 4 or more absences will not be allowed to receive that year and will have to repeat Grade 2 the following year. Any extenuating circumstances should be explained to the Director.

### Cancellation

In the event of inclement weather, please check the Parish Website regarding cancellations. Website: **sataunton.org** If you do not have internet available, and wish to have your child's teacher call you, please let them know.

### Safe Environment

We will be covering the Child Maltreatment Prevention Program for the Diocese of Fall River at all grade levels as required by Catholic Social Services and the Diocese of Fall River. If you wish to view the curriculum for this program you may do so by visiting the Faith Formation Office.

### Sacraments

If your child is eligible for a sacrament in this school year, please be certain to register them. Sacrament preparation requires two years of participation in the Faith Formation Program unless your child is attending a local Catholic School.

- First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist are typically received in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- Confirmation is received in the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade.

### Volunteers

We welcome and are always in need of Volunteers as Catechists, Classroom Aides, Substitute Teachers, building Monitors, Pick-up and Dismissal Security in the Parking Lot, as well as other roles. All volunteers who work with youth in the Diocese of Fall River are required to complete a CORI. All this can be done at your convenience by setting up a time to come to the Parish Center.

### Cell Phones

No cell phone use will be allowed in the classroom. If you need to contact your child, you may call the office at 508-824-6241, and we will relay the message.

Home Schooling is available at the discretion of the Pastor.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact the Faith Formation Office at 508-824-6241

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