



DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR FAITH FORMATION 2020-2021

As we are all used to hearing by now, these are unusual times. As such, the delivery of faith formation programs for this year will look different than other years. These guidelines have been developed to help families of the Diocese of Fall River understand the scenarios under which faith formation might operate, depending on the individual parish response to COVID-19 public health guidelines. Flexibility will be key as conditions may change. We know this has been a stressful time for all families, and we pray that our gatherings as a faith community will bring comfort as we seek to make disciples.

All faith formation interactions, whether in-person or virtual must adhere to the Diocesan Code of Conduct.

In-Person Gatherings:

- Any in-person gatherings must be in compliance with State of Massachusetts Reopening Requirements.
- If your parish is offering in-person programming, please work with your children on following public health guidelines such as mask wearing and distancing requirements.

Virtual Ministry:

Virtual ministry presents unique challenges. These guidelines are not meant to be exhaustive but to cover some important points regarding participation in this type of programming.

- Parishes may use a variety of platforms to deliver remote content. Your parish will provide the specific information regarding the mode of instruction being utilized.
- Live sessions offered via platforms such as Zoom will adhere to all Safe Environment guidelines and parents/guardians will be notified of the schedule for any live sessions.
- Links to live sessions should not be shared, except by catechists/leaders to their enrolled students.
- Parents are asked to assist with ensuring their faith formation students participating in live sessions are doing so in an appropriate setting with minimal distractions from the household.
- Faith formation students should dress for virtual participation in the same way they would for in-person gatherings.
- Live sessions may be recorded by catechists/leaders both for security purposes, and for later viewing by those unable to attend live sessions. Access to recordings will be managed by the faith formation staff and not publicly posted.
- Screenshots of sessions may not be taken.
- Especially for younger children, it is important that a parent or caregiver be nearby during live sessions to assist and monitor if needed.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the guidelines set forth and agree to abide by them. I also acknowledge that certain remote learning or other sessions may be recorded for security purposes and agree that the parish may do so.

PARISH: _____

STUDENT NAME (please print): _____

GRADE LEVEL: _____

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN (please print name): _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN _____

DATED: _____

**ST. MARY'S PARISH
FAIRHAVEN, MA
2020-2021**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are sending you a registration form for the Fall Classes. This will enable us to recruit the necessary personnel for this year, and know the space needed for the classrooms. Because of the situation going on in our world, this year will be filled with many challenges. Please be patient with us. To keep our children safe, we have decided to go with a blended model for Grades 1 and 3 through 8.

This means that each class will be divided into two and half of the class will be in the church hall (face to face). The other half will be online via Zoom. And then they will switch. It is our goal to have a teacher aide in every class. With your help this goal is very achievable and a credit to parents willing to share their Faith.

Confirmation continues to be a two-year program beginning in the 8th Grade and completed in the 9th Grade. Grade 7 is a review of Grades 1 – 6.

Grades 2 and 9 are sacramental programs and will center around the Eucharist

We are encouraged by the generosity of our adult volunteers and teenagers that give so much of their time to our teaching ministry. Let us continue to be proud of our Faith and Church Traditions to give the next generation a good foundation of their Catholic Formation. **Please return your registration form and fees by October 1st**, to ensure your child has a place in our Formation Program.

Students **MUST BE** registered before the start of classes. We will need a copy of his/her baptismal certificates, if your child was not baptized at St. Mary's.

The registration fee is as follows:

One child \$50. Two children...\$75. Three or more...\$90

Special Fees: Grade 2 – Reconciliation Retreat (\$15.) First Communion Retreat (\$15.)

Grade 8 -- \$20, for retreat

Grade 9 -- \$40, retreat and gown money

The Religious Education Program for 2020 & 2021 will begin on:

October 5 – Monday: Grades 4 & 5. from 4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Monday: Grades 7 & 8 from 7:00 P.M. – 8:15 P.M.

October 3 – Saturday: Grades 1 and 3 from 9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Saturday: Grade 6 from 10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

October 4 – Sunday: Grade 2 will meet for the 10 am Mass and end at 12pm Noon

Grade 9 from 4:30 P.M. Ends after 6 P.M. Will meet every other week

One of the **first requirements for admittance** to our Religious Education Program is that all families are **registered in the Parish**. We have Parish Census Forms available if needed.

We are grateful for your support and cooperation as we become a Eucharistic community who celebrate our Catholic Faith with joy, peace, and justice.

May God hold you in His awesome grip,

David R Dumaine
Faith Formation Coordinator

2020 - 2021
REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
St Mary's Parish
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

FAMILY NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

PO Box/Apt # _____ **Town** _____ **ZIP** _____

Home Phone (____) _____ **Unlisted?** Yes No

Please circle correct title: Mr/Mrs. Mr. Mrs Dr/Mrs Miss Ms

Are you a St. Mary's Parishioner? Yes _____ No _____

FATHER.

Name: _____

Contact Phone #: _____ **Email address:** _____

Religion: _____ **Marital Status:** _____ **Email address for classes:** _____

MOTHER.

Name: _____ **Maiden Name:** _____

Contact Phone #: _____ **Email address:** _____

Religion: _____ **Marital Status:** _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: In the event of an emergency, if we are unable to reach you, whom should we contact?	
Name _____	Relationship to child _____
Address _____	
Home Phone _____	Contact Phone _____
Comments _____	

STUDENT #1 _____ **GRADE:** _____

Name _____ **Birthdate** _____ **Sex** _____

<u>Sacraments Received:</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place Sacrament was Performed</u>
Baptism	_____	_____
Reconciliation	_____	_____
First Communion	_____	_____
Confirmation	_____	_____

HEALTH PROBLEMS OR ALLERGIES: _____

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STUDENT #2		GRADE: _____	
Name _____		Birthdate _____	Sex _____
Sacraments Received:		Date	Place Sacrament was Performed
Baptism		_____	_____
Reconciliation		_____	_____
First Communion		_____	_____
Confirmation		_____	_____
HEALTH PROBLEMS OR ALLERGIES: _____			
STUDENT #3		GRADE: _____	
Name _____		Birthdate _____	Sex _____
Sacraments Received:		Date	Place Sacrament was Performed
Baptism		_____	_____
Reconciliation		_____	_____
First Communion		_____	_____
Confirmation		_____	_____
HEALTH PROBLEMS OR ALLERGIES: _____			

PLEASE COMPLETE: (we must include the names of both birth parents on our records)

Child(ren) live with: (circle one) both parents mother father guardian Other (please specify) _____			
If child does not live with both parents, please list address of parent who does not have custody of child			
Child	Parent's Name	Street Address	City, State, ZIP
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

This is your opportunity to give your time and talents to touch the spiritual lives of the children in our Religious Education Program. Please fill out the following:

- ____ YES I am able to be an aide for Grade ____ I am able to help for ____one month or ____months
- ____ YES I am able to help with the Grade 2 retreat
- ____ YES I will cook for special occasions
- ____ YES I am willing to take part in the Religion/Book Fair
- ____ YES I will spend some time in class with my child.

ST. MARY'S PARISH – FAIRHAVEN, MA

AUTHORIZATION FOR PHOTO/MEDIA PUBLICATION
RELEASE CLAIM

I grant to the parish of **ST. MARY'S PARISH**, the right to take
photographs of my child _____ and his/her
property in connection with the parish and organizational activities for the
year _____. I authorize St. Mary's Parish and/or the Diocese of Fall
River, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in
print and/or electronically.

I agree that St. Mary's Parish, and/or the Diocese of Fall River may use such
photographs of my child with or without his/her FIRST name and for any
lawful purpose, including but not limited to such purposes as publicity and
illustration.

I have read and understanding the above photo release statement ___ NO
___ YES

(Print Name of Parent/Guardian)

Date

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

**DATES/TIMES
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**ST. MARY PARISH
Religious Education Calendar
Saturday Classes
2020—2021**

**Grades 1 and 3 classes are from 9:15 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.
Grade 6 classes are from 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.**

OCTOBER – 2020

- 7- Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home**
- 10 – (NO CLASSES – COLUMBUS DAY)**
- 17— Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall**
- 24 – Living Rosary Grades 1,2, 3, & 6 students meet in parish hall at 9:45 A.M.**
- 31 -- Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home**

NOVEMBER – 2020

- 7 – Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall**
- 14-- Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home**
- 21-- Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall**
- 25 – THANKSGIVING MASS at 7:00 P.M.**
- 28 – (NO CLASSES – THANKSGIVING VACATION)**

DECEMBER – 2020

- 5-- Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home**
- 12 – Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall**
- 19 – Both Classes- Christmas Spectacular Celebration**
- 24 – FAMILY MASS AT THE 5:00 P.M. MASS**
- 24 – Jan 3rd – (NO CLASSES – CHRISTMAS VACATION)**

JANUARY – 2021

- 9 -- Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home**
- 16– MARTIN LUTHER KING (NO CLASSES)**
- 23 -- Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall**
- 30 -- Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home**

FEBRUARY – 2021

- 6 --Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall**
- 13 --Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home**
- 20 ---28 (NO CLASSES – WINTER VACATION)**

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**DATES/TIMES
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

(SATURDAY CLASSES CONTINUED)

MARCH – 2021

**6 -- Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall
13 -- Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home
20 --Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall
27 --Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home**

APRIL – 2021

**4 – HOLY SATURDAY – Have a Happy Easter
11 – Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall
19 – 25 – (NO CLASSES – SPRING VACATION)**

MAY – 2020

**1 – (LAST CLASS) Both classes – Mass and class celebration
Grade 1 and 3 -- 9:15 – 11:15
Grade 6 – 10:00 – 12:00**

**IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT ALL STUDENTS ATTEND MASS
ON A WEEKLY BASIS. THE 10:00 A.M. MASS ON SUNDAY IS THE
CHILDRENS MASS.**

**DATES/TIMES
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**ST. MARY'S PARISH
Religious Education Calendar
Sunday Classes
2020-2021**

**Grades 2—ALL CLASSES ARE START AT THE 10AM MASS AND END AT
12pm (Parents are expected to attend mass with the students)
Classes meet in church hall**

OCTOBER – 2020

4—

11— (NO CLASSES – COLUMBUS DAY)

18

25- Parent Meeting -After the 10am mass in the Main Church. (Mandatory)
Children will meet for class in the church hall.

NOVEMBER – 2020

1--

8--

15--

22--

24 – THANKSGIVING MASS AT 7:00 P.M.

29—(NO CLASSES)

DECEMBER -- 2020

6—

13— Reconciliation Retreat 9:30am-11:30am

20- First Reconciliation –confessions at 10am

24 – FAMILY MASS AT 5:00 P.M.

24 – to January 3st (NO CLASSES – CHRISTMAS VACATION)

JANUARY – 2021

10--

17-- (NO CLASSES – MARTIN LUTHER KING)

24—

31—

FEBRUARY -- 2021

7--

14 --

22 – 28th (NO CLASSES – WINTER VACATION)

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**DATES/TIMES
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

(SUNDAY CLASSES CONTINUED)

MARCH – 2021

7--
14--
21 --
28 --

APRIL – 2021

4 - (NO CLASSES- HAPPY EASTER)
10 -- First Communion Retreat 9:30 to 11:30
17 – 24 (NO CLASSES -- SPRING VACATION)
25 –

MAY-2021

2- Last class

FIRST COMMUNION – MAY 9TH SUNDAY AT THE 10:00 A.M. MASS

REHEARSALS FOR MAY 9TH

MAY 6TH 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. in the church
MAY 7TH 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. in the church

**DATES/TIMES
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**ST. MARY'S PARISH
Religious Education Calendar
Monday Classes
2020-2021
Grades 4 and 5**

ALL CLASSES ARE FROM 4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

OCTOBER – 2020

5—Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home
12-- (NO CLASSES – COLUMBUS DAY)
19—Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall
26-- Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home

NOVEMBER – 2020

2-- Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall
9-- Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home
16-- Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall
23-- Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home
25 – THANKSGIVING MASS AT 7:00 P.M.
30—(NO CLASSES)

DECEMBER – 2020

7-- Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall
14-- Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home
21- Both classes in Parish Hall- Christmas spectacular celebration
24 – FAMILY MASS AT 5:00 P.M.
24 – to January 3rd (NO CLASSES – CHRISTMAS VACATION)

JANUARY – 2021

4-- Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall
11-- Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home
18-- (NO CLASSES – MARTIN LUTHER KING)
25-- Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall

FEBRUARY -- 2021

1-- Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home
8-- Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall
15 -- Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home
22 – 28th (NO CLASSES – WINTER VACATION)

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**DATES/TIMES
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

(MONDAY CLASSES CONTINUED)

MARCH – 2021

**1-- Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall
8-- Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home
15 -- Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall
22 -- Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home
28 -- Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall**

APRIL – 2021

**4 - (NO CLASSES- HAPPY EASTER)
12 -- Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall
20 – 24 (NO CLASSES -- SPRING VACATION)
27 – Both Classes - Class Celebration and Mass 4-6**

**IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT ALL STUDENTS ATTEND MASS
WEEKLY. THE 10:00 A.M. MASS ON SUNDAY IS THE CHILDRENS' MASS.**

**DATES/TIMES
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**ST. MARY'S PARISH
Religious Education Calendar
Monday Classes
2020-2021**

Grades 7 and 8—ALL CLASSES ARE FROM 7 TO 8:15

OCTOBER – 2020

**5—Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home
12-- (NO CLASSES – COLUMBUS DAY)
19—Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall
26-- Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home**

NOVEMBER – 2020

**2-- Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall
9-- Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home
16-- Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall
23-- Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home
25 – THANKSGIVING MASS AT 7:00 P.M.
30—(NO CLASSES)**

DECEMBER -- 2020

**7-- Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall
14-- Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home
21- Both classes in Parish Hall- Christmas spectacular celebration
24 – FAMILY MASS AT 5:00 P.M.
24 – to January 3rd (NO CLASSES – CHRISTMAS VACATION)**

JANUARY – 2021

**4-- Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall
11-- Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home
18-- (NO CLASSES – MARTIN LUTHER KING)
25-- Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall**

FEBRUARY -- 2021

**1– Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home
8– Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall
15 -- Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home
22 – 28th (NO CLASSES – WINTER VACATION)**

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**DATES/TIMES
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

(MONDAY CLASSES CONTINUED)

MARCH – 2021

**1-- Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall
8-- Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home
15 -- Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall
22 -- Grade A Parish hall Grade B – Online at Home
28 -- Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall**

APRIL – 2021

**4 - (NO CLASSES- HAPPY EASTER)
12 -- Grade A Online at Home Grade B – Parish Hall
20 – 24 (NO CLASSES -- SPRING VACATION)
27 – Both Classes - Class Celebration and Mass 4-6**

IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT ALL STUDENTS ATTEND MASS WEEKLY. THE 10:00 A.M. MASS ON SUNDAY IS THE CHILDRENS' MASS.

DATES/TIMES
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

ST. MARY'S PARISH
Religious Education Calendar
Sunday Confirmation Classes
2020-2021

Grades 9—ALL CLASSES START AT 4:30 Every other Sunday and all students will be expected to attend 6pm mass. Attendance for class will be taken after mass. Any student not attending mass will be considered absent.

Parents are encouraged to attend the 6pm mass with their children.

Classes meet in church hall

OCTOBER -- 2020

4 -Orientation -

18- We Believe

NOVEMBER -- 2020

1—The Gift of Wisdom

15-- Parent and Student Night

24 – THANKSGIVING MASS AT 7:00 P.M.

29—(NO CLASSES)

DECEMBER -- 2020

6—The Gift of Fortitude

20- The Christmas Project

24 – FAMILY MASS AT 5:00 P.M.

24 – to January 3rd (NO CLASSES – CHRISTMAS VACATION)

JANUARY -- 2021

10—The Gift of Understanding

24- The Gift of Counsel

FEBRUARY -- 2021

7—Parent Student Night

28th –The Gift of Knowledge

MARCH -- 2021

13- Confirmation Retreat 10:30 – 4:30

28 -- Gift of Piety (LAST DAY TO HAND IN SPONSOR FORMS)

APRIL -- 2021

4 - (NO CLASSES- HAPPY EASTER)

11- Gift of Fear of the Lord (SAINTS DAY-LAST DAY TO HAND IN SAINTS NAME AND PAPERS)

25- Day of Service (LAST DAY TO HAND IN SERVICE FORMS)

MAY-2021

2- Confirmation Prep

Date of Confirmation - TBA