

Our Lady of the Angels Parish
1222 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01603
Religious Education Ministry

July 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Let me begin by telling you how excited I am to start another academic year here at Our Lady of the Angels Parish. We are certainly blessed to be part of this parish community. Our Church considers parents and caretakers as **primary educators** of children in the area of faith development and Christian formation. It is from **you** that our children learn compassion, forgiveness, and love—true hallmarks of our faith in God. As director, I am here along with many volunteer catechists and aides to help and support you in this task. I look forward to getting to know you and your family and accompanying you on this journey to grow in faith, knowledge, love and service as disciples of Jesus Christ.

“Effective catechesis/religious education occurs when word, worship and service are so integrated that faith is proclaimed and becomes living, conscious and active through the light of instruction, formation, liturgy and service. The fundamental tasks of parish religious education remain:

- To proclaim Christ’s message
- To participate in efforts to develop community
- To lead people to worship and prayer
- To motivate the community of believers to serve others.”
(National Catechetical Directory)

PROGRAM VISION

Our Lady of the Angels’ Religious Education Program strives to provide complementary formational and information experiences to: foster, develop and nurture a mature Christian faith; to empower individuals to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today; and to draw individuals to responsible participation in the life, mission and work of the Catholic faith community. We dedicate ourselves to building up the Body of Christ and continuing Jesus’ threefold mission as Prophet, Priest and Servant-King through the ministries of Word, Worship and Service in the context of a parish faith community which explores, proclaims, celebrates, shares and lives faith together in the richness of our Catholic tradition.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

The end of summer is already in sight. As we look forward to the start of another school year, it is time to register your child(ren) for the Religious Education Program for the 2017-2018 school year. Please fill out the enclosed registration form and return it to the Rectory no later than August 25th. Registration forms are also available at the church entrances as well as under the education tab on our website www.ourladyofangels.org.

Please note the following:

- Schedules for grades K-8 and 9-10 can be found on our website at www.ourladyofangels.org. Click on the EDUCATION link at the top of the homepage. Then click under the Grades K through Confirmation under the schedule heading.
- Fees are listed on the Registration Form—next page after this letter.
- First day of class for Grades K-8 will be Sunday, September 10th from 9-10 A.M.
- First day of class for Grade 9-10 will be Sunday, September 17th from 9-10 A.M. (**public school students only**)

- An important parent/student meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 13th beginning at 7:00 P.M. in Reiger Hall for all those seeking to be confirmed. We will be sharing information about changes in our Confirmation preparation process.
- Confirmation students will begin with a retreat on MLK Jr. Holiday, January 15th, 2018
- First day of class for Confirmation candidates will be Sunday, February 4th, 2018 (Catholic school students)
- Parents are asked to complete the Safe Environment Parent Permission Form included in this registration packet. Parents who are new to our program or who have not yet attended a Safe Environment meeting should plan on attending October 1st in the school gym while students are in class.
- We encourage parents to consider attending the 10:30 A.M. Mass with your children, during which we have the Children's Liturgy of the Word for them. **Weekly participation in Mass is one of the things that characterize us as Catholics. It makes little sense to be educating children about their faith if you are not worshiping and practicing the faith with them.**

“JOYFUL NOISE” YOUTH CHOIR

Our Lady of the Angels has a youth choir open to any student who wishes to sing. Rehearsals are scheduled on Sunday mornings after class from 10:00-10:25 A.M. so that families may still attend the 10:30 A.M. Mass.

YOUTH GROUP FOR GRADES 6-8 AND GRADES 9-12

We invite all students in Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12 to attend our youth ministry kickoff event on September 29th from 6:00-8:00 P.M. in Reiger Hall. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be provided. Come with your ideas and plans for some great events and activities for the upcoming year.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

A parent newsletter will be available four times a year. This newsletter is both educational as well as informative. It will include updated calendar events as the year progresses. Please provide us with a current email address on the registration form so that we can send this to you.

VOLUNTEERS

Running a religious education program takes a large effort from many people. Therefore, the more people who are able to help, the better we are able to offer a quality program. Please consider volunteering in our program and indicate this in the appropriate area of the volunteer form.

EWTN FREE FAMILY CELEBRATION

Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Fatima with EWTN at the Network's Family Celebration Sept. 9-10 at the DCU Center in Worcester. Events include: Headline speakers, the opportunity to be part of a studio audience for a EWTN show taping, mass with Bishop McManus, adoration, confessions, and children will be able to meet some of their favorite characters from “EWTN Faith Factory.”

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 508-791-0951 (ext. 18) or email me at dfarlandola@gmail.com. I look forward to seeing you and your family.

May God Bless You!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Darleen Farland
Director of Religious Education

**OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Office use only:

Date Rec'd

____/____/____

Pmt: ____ Yes

____ No

Family/Guardian Information

NAME (Adult responsible for children) _____

Mailing Address _____

Zip Code _____ Telephone _____ Date _____

Note: if you move or change your telephone number please contact me ASAP to update information!

PARENT/GUARDIAN Information

Father's Name

Mother's First & MAIDEN Name

Business _____

Business _____

Bus. or Cell phone _____

Bus. or Cell Phone _____

Religion _____

Religion _____

E-mail _____

E-mail _____

Marital Status (circle one)

married separated divorced
single remarried deceased

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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Contact Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Relationship to Child _____

Religious Education Fees

Gr. K & 1, & Gr. 3-9: \$50.00 one child; \$70.00 two children; \$75.00 three or more children.

First Penance - \$75.00 First Communion \$75.00 (\$150.00 if doing both this year)

Confirmation (Grade 10) \$100.00

No child needs to go without religious education because of inability to pay. We will accommodate your needs. Please make us aware of your situation.

All classes are on Sunday morning from 9:00 am. to 10:00 am. (All classes in OLA school)

PLEASE NOTE:

IF YOUR CHILD WAS NOT BAPTIZED HERE AT OLA, PLEASE BE SURE TO SEND IN A COPY OF YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE (if you have not already done so).

If you send in the original copy it will be returned to you promptly. You may even fax it to my attention at 508-753-9531).

Your family must be registered with the parish in order for your child to be enrolled in our religious education classes. If you are unsure if you are registered in this parish, please call the rectory at 508-791-0951. Thank you.

(over)

(youngest to oldest)

First Student's Information

NAME: _____ Sex _____ Any ALLERGIES _____

Grade: _____ School _____

Email for gr. 6 and up: _____

Birth: ____/____/____ Birth City & State _____

Baptism: No _____ Yes _____ ____/____/____ at what church _____

address of church _____

1st Communion: No _____ Yes _____ ____/____/____ Church _____

Reconciliation No _____ Yes _____ Confirmation: No _____ Yes _____ ____/____/____

Second Student's Information

NAME: _____ Sex _____ Any ALLERGIES _____

Grade: _____ School _____

Email for gr. 6 and up: _____

Birth: ____/____/____ Birth City & State _____

Baptism: No _____ Yes _____ ____/____/____ at what church _____

address of church _____

1st Communion: No _____ Yes _____ ____/____/____ Church _____

Reconciliation No _____ Yes _____ Confirmation: No _____ Yes _____ ____/____/____

Third Student's Information

NAME: _____ Sex _____ Any ALLERGIES _____

Grade: _____ School _____

Email for gr. 6 and up: _____

Birth: ____/____/____ Birth City & State _____

Baptism: No _____ Yes _____ ____/____/____ at what church _____

address of church _____

1st Communion: No _____ Yes _____ ____/____/____ Church _____

Reconciliation No _____ Yes _____ Confirmation: No _____ Yes _____ ____/____/____

Fourth Student's Information

NAME: _____ Sex _____ Any ALLERGIES _____

Grade: _____ School _____

Email for gr. 6 and up: _____

Birth: ____/____/____ Birth City & State _____

Baptism: No _____ Yes _____ ____/____/____ at what church _____

address of church _____

1st Communion: No _____ Yes _____ ____/____/____ Church _____

Reconciliation No _____ Yes _____ Confirmation: No _____ Yes _____ ____/____/____

Fifth Student's Information

NAME: _____ Sex _____ Any ALLERGIES _____

Grade: _____ School _____

Email for gr. 6 and up: _____

Birth: ____/____/____ Birth City & State _____

Baptism: No _____ Yes _____ ____/____/____ at what church _____

address of church _____

1st Communion: No _____ Yes _____ ____/____/____ Church _____

Reconciliation No _____ Yes _____ Confirmation: No _____ Yes _____ ____/____/____

**OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VOLUNTEER FORM**

“Not to be served but to serve.” (Matthew 20:28)

We can't run a successful program without help from many people! Please consider volunteering in our program! (Please note: all teenage and adult volunteers will be subject to a CORI review.)

STUDENT (Grades 7-12) AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Here are some of the ways you can help our Religious Education Program:

Teacher _____ Preferred Grade _____

Teacher's Aide _____ Preferred Grade _____

Substitute Teacher _____ Preferred Grade _____

Retreats _____ Preferred Grade _____

Music Ministry _____ Vocalist _____ Instrument Played _____

Hospitality _____ Preferred Time _____

Clerical Help _____ Preferred Time _____

Field Trip Chaperone _____

Children's Liturgy of the Word (10:30 a.m. Mass) _____

General Help (help where and when needed, from time to time) _____

Other (please list) _____

IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT DARLEEN FARLAND AT: 508-791-0951
dfarlandola@gmail.com

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Safe Environment Parent Permission Form

_____ I am not familiar with or have not seen the Bishop's video from our Diocese and:

_____ will plan to attend the Parent meeting on October 1st from 9-10 A.M.

_____ am unable to attend the Parent meeting on October 1st and will

contact the Director of Religious Education to arrange an alternative.

_____ I have already reviewed the Bishop's video from our Diocese and reviewed the material that will be used in the classroom for the children.

_____ I do not want my child to participate in the class when the Safe Environment material will be taught.

_____ I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the Safe Environment class each year unless I notify the Director of Religious Education.

Child's Name _____ Grade _____

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Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

List additional children below and grade if needed.