

Church of St. Anthony of Padua

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A Note from the Pastor

May 2020

May the Lord give you His peace.

Greetings!! With the complimentary seasons of Easter and Spring in full swing, this is a great time of year! Don't let our temporary circumstances of quarantining and other virus related restrictions tell you otherwise. It's amazing how a simple song of a bird or the new green of a budding tree can instantly pull us out of our worries about the future or our hurts and regrets of the past and into the present moment where re-discover the loving and nurturing presence of God and His goodness. The warm breezes of Spring are a physical reminder of the Breath of God, namely the Holy Spirit. Let us breathe deep into our lungs and hearts both the rejuvenating Spring air and the life-giving Easter Spirit of God. In this way we receive, in this very moment, the gift of *heavenly peace*.

"Heavenly peace." At Mass, right before Holy Communion the priest says, "Let us offer each other the sign of peace." How do we give peace? We give Christ. We give Christ through our actions of love and mercy. This is accomplished most profoundly in the family through the gift of your Motherhood and Fatherhood. In order to protect that peace, we need to protect, support, strengthen, and nourish your vocations as parents. This is why I became a priest: *family*. To this end, as you already know, in the face of the many challenges that undermine the peace of the family, Jean Jackson and I worked prayerfully and practically (long before any pandemic was on the horizon!) on a more family based catechetical experience here at St. Anthony's in light of a number of factors outlined in a previous letter (you can link to it here). We hope this program will serve as a constructive and effective response to the spiritual needs of our families.

With this anticipated shift to a *Family Centered Catechesis* program and the unanticipated pandemic, we had hoped to have already met with all of you by now to get your feedback with regard to potential modifications and adjustments. I am a firm believer in collaboration, especially when rolling out something new like this. Your input is essential. As thorough and as diligent as we believe we have been in anticipating problems or issues, there are bound to be concerns or considerations we have inadvertently overlooked or didn't foresee. Thankfully, we did have a chance to touch-base with our catechists before the quarantining took effect to incorporate their perspectives. We also received a few responses to the email that went out announcing the *proposed* new program, but not many. Being optimistic, to me that sounds like an indirect thumbs-up from a majority of you! However, we would still like to take the time to

meet with each family to review this new model and gain your insight and feedback. For now, we will most likely have to make use of small group sessions through Zoom, WebEx or other similar platforms given the current social distancing restrictions.

In the meantime, however, for the sake of planning purposes, it is essential that we begin the registration process for the 2020-2021 school year as soon as possible. The sooner we know how many children are in the program the more effective we can be in our planning for next year's program in terms of scheduling students, arranging catechists, ordering materials, etc. Registration should be very much easier this year as you will see. You are most welcome to call or send an email to either Jean or myself if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. We understand that there are unique situations and circumstances with some families and we are most happy to work with you. Just reach out! Jean has included her contact information in her letter addressed to you. I can be reached directly at frtom@sapwh.org or by calling the parish phone at (914) 948-1480. I would also be happy to set-up a face-to-face meeting through one of the social media platforms (Zoom, FaceTime, Skype, WebEx). This is helpful to me as I am still trying to match-up names with faces not having been here a full year yet!

Jean has provided information about registration along with a packet of materials in a separate letter. As always I am very grateful to both Jean and Peggy for all of their efforts of which you are well aware go above and beyond. Let us continue to keep one another in prayer!!

Happy Mother's Day to all of our Moms out there!!

Peace,

Fr. Tom

St. Anthony of Padua S.T.A.R.S.

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May, 2020

Dear Families,

Attached please find the 2020/2021 registration forms for our S.T.A.R.S. program. You can mail it, scan it or drop it in the metal mailbox outside my office. **We accept cash, check and credit cards. You may also use the WeShare online payment program that can accessed through the parish website. The program fee must be received by the start of classes in September.**

Attached you will find the following forms: Registration form, photo release form, pickup form, student emergency form and special needs. **All forms need to be returned.** In late August, you will receive an email with your class/teacher information and calendar.

All **new students and 1st graders** need to submit a copy of their **baptismal certificate** with the registration paperwork. Families can mail in your registration or drop it off at the metal mailbox outside our office **on Columbus Avenue**. Just look for the flag and stairs leading to our door. We will have a special meeting for new parents to review any questions you may have later in the year.

Volunteers to help during Sunday sessions are always welcome. The commitment is one Sunday a month. We are also looking for parents and high school/college students to help out as facilitators/hall monitors. We are also still in need of first grade catechists who would be available to teach twice a month on a Monday.

We are looking forward to another great year and to working with you to help deepen your child's relationship with God.

God Bless,

Mrs. Jean Jacksen

Coordinator, St. Anthony S.T.A.R.S

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St. Anthony S.T.A.R.S. Registration

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FAMILY INFORMATION	DATE:
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Family Last Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Father's Name: _____ Father's cell/work: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Mother's cell/work: _____

Home Phone number: _____ St. Anthony Parishioner? (y/n) _____

Home Address: _____ City,St.zip: _____

Emergency contact _____ Emergency Ph#: _____

Circle one: Married Single Parent Separated Divorced Widow Legal Guardian

Family Centered Catechesis – Parents teach their children based on *their* schedule each week and attend Mass. Monthly parent meeting and review for students one Sunday per month

1st and 2nd grade Sacramental Prep - Mondays 4-5pm 2x per month

7th and 8th grade Sacramental Prep - Tuesdays 6:30-8:00pm 2x per month & 1 Sunday evening

FEE: One child - \$250 Two children - \$335 three or more children - \$385

Communion fee: \$150 (2nd grade) Confirmation fee: \$200 (8th grade)

Checks made payable to St. Anthony STARS or pay by credit card

STARS Office use only *****

Program fee date paid _____ Amount paid _____ ck# _____ cash _____ cc _____

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Communion date paid _____ Amount paid _____ ck# _____ cash _____ cc _____

Confirmation date paid _____ Amount paid _____ ck# _____ cash _____ cc _____

STUDENT #1 INFORMATION This form must be submitted with registration

Child Name: _____ Gender: _____ male _____ female

Grade: (as of Sept 20') _____ School: _____

Grade in Religious Education: _____ Birthdate: _____

Special Needs: YES NO (if yes, please fill out attached form)

STUDENT #2 INFORMATION

Child Name: _____ Gender: _____ male _____ female

Grade: (as of Sept 20') _____ School: _____

Grade in religious education: _____ Birthdate: _____

Special Needs: Yes No (if yes, please fill out attached form)

STUDENT #3 INFORMATION

Child Name: _____ Gender: _____ male _____ female

Grade: (as of Sept 20') _____ School: _____

Grade in religious education _____ Birthdate: _____

Special Needs: Yes No (if yes, please fill out attached form)

Student Information/Emergency Form-2020
This form must be submitted with registration

Student #1 Information

Name: _____

Special Medical Conditions/Allergies: _____

Student #2 Information

Name: _____

Special Medical Conditions/Allergies: _____

Student #3 Information

Name: _____

Special Medical Conditions/Allergies: _____

Doctor for Emergency: _____ Ph# _____

In case of accident or illness, I request that the representative of the parish catechetical program contact me. If I am unable to be reached, I hereby authorize this representative to call the physician indicated and to follow the physician's instructions. If it is possible to contact this physician, the representative of the parish catechetical program may make whatever arrangements deem necessary. I agree to assume the financial responsibility for any diagnosis, treatment and/or medication deemed necessary.

To the best of my knowledge all information given is accurate and complete. I hereby consent to, and authorize the necessary procedures that have been stated above.

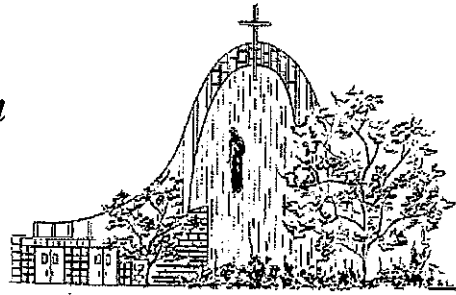
Parent/guardian Signature: _____ date: _____

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PICTURE PERMISSION/RELEASE FOR PICKUP

This form must be submitted with registration

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In an effort to continue to enhance our Religious Education program and to show all the parents and parishioners all of the children's and catechist's hard work and efforts, we would like your permission to take candid pictures and class pictures of all the students in our program.

Please complete and return this form with your registration forms.

Family Name: _____

_____ You have permission to take pictures of my child/children and display them either in the Religious education or the church.

_____ I prefer you do not include my child/children in any of the pictures.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

DISMISSAL RELEASE TO THE PARKING AREA

For grades 4th through 8th: I give permission to have my child dismissed from class without a parent. They will meet me in the parking lot or will walk home from school.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

SPECIAL NEEDS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Information Sheet -2020

Confidential information is used by the CRE and the class catechist. Please indicate any information that would help us teach your child, e.g. medical conditions, learning disabilities, reading difficulties, allergies, etc.

STUDENT'S LAST NAME _____ First Name _____

Grade _____ Phone Number _____

Child's Special Need: _____

Please understand that we will try to add assistance to the classroom for your child provided we have volunteers. It may be necessary to home school your child if we cannot provide additional help in the classroom.

Please check all that apply:

_____ Reading Difficulty

_____ Comprehension Difficulty

_____ Processing Difficulty

_____ ADD

_____ ADHD

_____ My child receives assistance in the public school.

_____ An aide is with my child throughout the day.

_____ My child attends an additional support class.

_____ My child has specific allergies which are: _____

_____ Seizure disorder

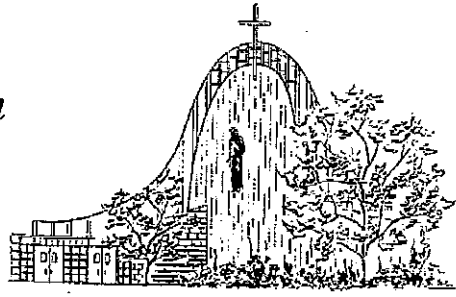
_____ Other: _____

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VOLUNTEER FORM

Please consider sharing your talents and energy with the St. Anthony Religious Education family. Your participation in the program will enrich your child's experience and greatly enhance our community! Thank you in advance for your generous service.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email : _____

_____ **Catechist**

_____ **Substitute Teacher**

_____ **Hall Monitor / Help with arrival and departure of children**

Circle one: Sundays: 9am to 10:15am Mondays: 4:00-5:00pm

_____ **Teacher's Aide- review home school work while class is being taught**

Circle one: Sundays: 9am to 10:15am Mondays: 4:00-5:00pm

_____ **Help in Classroom with special needs students**