

“Meet You at the Altar”

Program Information & Expectations

Registration

1. Register your child for our Faith Formation program (choose **ONE** from 4 different options)
 - a. Online: www.falmouthcatholic.org/faithformationregistration
 - b. Using the registration form found with the registration packet
 - c. Download the registration from our website at www.falmouthcatholic.org/faithformation
 - d. Hardcopy obtained from the Faith Formation office
2. Upon registering your child, you will receive an email from Jonathan with more information regarding the program. Depending on the date of registration, this email might be delayed by a few days.
3. The program fee for this year will be \$25/student. This is reduced from what we have charged in the past and will go to covering materials and operational costs for our program.
 - a. You can pay in the following ways (choose **ONE** from 2 different options)
 - i. Via check (made payable to your parish (St. Anthony, St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Patrick) (include “Faith Formation” in the memo line) or cash which can be included with your registration form and dropped off/mailed to the Faith Formation Office (167 E. Falmouth Hwy., E. Falmouth, MA 02536)
 - ii. Online at <https://stanthonyscapecod.weshareonline.org/>. Any questions about online giving, please contact Dan Cunha, our Director of Business Operations, at dcunha@falmouthcatholic.org
 - b. We recognize that the ongoing COVID-19 crisis has put a financial strain on some of our families, if you are unable to pay the registration fee, please contact Jonathan to make arrangements. No student will be denied entry into the program due to financial concerns.
4. Emails and text messages should be checked periodically for the most up to date information about the program
 - a. Please be sure to provide an accurate email and phone number when registering
 - i. Some emails may accidentally be sent to your spam folder, so please be sure to check that any emails from the Catholic Community of Falmouth Office of Faith Formation (via Flocknote) or directly from Jonathan are marked as safe.

Program Expectations

1. Attend Mass **each week** as a family (this will be the core component to our program)
 - a. **Attend Mass as a family** at one of our churches on a Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning or afternoon (over 10 different options!) Safety protocols are observed (wearing masks, hand sanitizing, social distancing, etc.) and the churches are sanitized after each Mass. A current Mass schedule for Fall 2020 can be found on the reverse side of the program calendar
 - b. **Attend a Mass at any other Catholic church** if unable to attend any of our regularly scheduled Masses.
2. For those still concerned about attending Mass in church at this time, you **can participate in one of our livestream Masses from St. Anthony’s** (please visit our website at www.falmouthcatholic.org/live-stream).
3. Each student is asked to complete a brief journal entry each week after attending Mass. Journal entries are asked to be completed by the Monday following a Mass. Please be

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- sure to look at the calendar found with the registration packet as it will provide you with the liturgical schedule for the year as well as dates for when a journal is not required.
4. Journals can be completed in the following ways (choose from 3 different options)
 - a. **Preferred option:** Online via Canvas (a free (and easy) website which we will explain and give you access to at our first parents meeting)
 - b. Download the journal from our website at www.falmouthcatholic.org/faithformation and emailed to Jonathan/your child's catechist or handed in at the office or at church at the end of Mass.
 - c. Hard copies—we will provide hard copies of the journal entries at our first parent meetings or you may obtain them at a designated area in each of our churches
 5. Students are asked miss no more than 20% of all journal entries for the year
 - a. A catechist will be assigned to each faith formation grade level and will periodically check on your child's journal progress in addition to providing occasional feedback on submissions.
 - b. If a student falls behind on journal entries, Jonathan will reach out to the family to discuss the student's status in the program
 6. Parents are asked to attend 3 **mandatory** meetings throughout the year to receive important materials and information about the program. Meetings can be attended in person or watched via livestream. If watching via livestream, please set up a time to meet with Jonathan to receive important information that was given out at the meeting.
 - a. Meeting 1 (choose **ONE** from 4 different options)
 - i. Monday, September 14 at 11:00am at St. Anthony's
 - ii. Monday, September 14 7:00pm at St. Anthony's
 - iii. Tuesday, September 15 at 11:00am at St. Anthony's
 - iv. Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00pm at St. Anthony's
 - b. Meeting 2 (choose **ONE** from 4 different options)
 - i. Monday, November 16 at 11:00am at St. Anthony's
 - ii. Monday, November 16 at 7:00pm at St. Anthony's
 - iii. Tuesday, November 17 at 11:00am at St. Anthony's
 - iv. Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00pm at St. Anthony's
 - c. Meeting 3 (choose **ONE** from 4 different options)
 - i. Monday, February 8 at 11:00am at St. Anthony's
 - ii. Monday, February 8 at 7:00pm at St. Anthony's
 - iii. Tuesday, February 9 at 11:00am at St. Anthony's
 - iv. Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00pm at St. Anthony's
 7. For students scheduled to celebrate the sacraments this coming spring (generally gr. 2 or gr. 9), additional meetings **are required** on a monthly basis.
 - a. These sessions will be conducted in a hall setting, practicing safety procedures (masks, hand sanitizing, social distancing, etc.).
 - b. Students are expected to attend these sessions in addition to participating in the regular "Meet You at the Altar" program. If your child is uncomfortable attending in person, please contact Jonathan to make arrangements.
 - i. Failure to participate may result in a possible delay of receiving the sacrament this year
 - c. For those who have a child entering into gr. 1 or gr. 8, participation in the "Meet You at the Altar" program is required in order to be considered to celebrate the sacraments the following year (Spring 2022)
 8. In the event that restrictions are lifted during our program year, we will assess our current program and will consider transitioning to in-person classes.
 - a. We will provide a clear plan of action for you and your student once it becomes available.