



Saint Agatha Parish

Office of Faith Formation

432 Adams Street, Milton, MA 02186-4398

Spring 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is time to register for next school year's Faith Formation Sessions for Grades 1 through 8 at St. Agatha Parish.

Please read all of the enclosed materials very carefully.

Registration for the Confirmation Program (Grades 9-10) will be sent separately. If your child is entering the 9th grade next year and you do not receive any registration forms, please contact Brian Pellicano our Youth Minister/Confirmation Coordinator at bpellicano@stagathaparish.org.

We have consolidated all of our parish records into one database, so this form also serves as an update to the parish information system. You will note several items that are not directly related to the Faith Formation program, but are valuable for the parish to know. (e.g. the names and birthdates of younger or older children). We appreciate your assistance in keeping the parish records up to date.

If you have a child entering the program for the first time who was *not* baptized at St. Agatha, you need to provide a *copy* (do not send originals) of the new child's Baptismal Certificate.

More and more we are "going green" and working to be good stewards of the parish resources and those of the planet. We are using e-mail as much as possible so it is ***critically important that we have your family e-mail and that it is printed legibly and clearly.***

We are anticipating the arrival of a new Director of Religious Education so it is possible that person will make some changes in the schedule for Grades 6-7-8. For the purpose of this form, however, we assume that things will remain status quo, at least for the coming year. So, Grade 6 will be held at the same times as Gr. 1-5, and Gr. 7-8 EDGE Program will be held on a yet to be determined week night.

You will be notified of any program changes as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.

Our program is dependent on the dedicated service of over 125 volunteers in a variety of capacities. Please consider sharing your time and talent to foster the growth in faith of the children of our parish and sign up for one of the volunteer opportunities listed under Grades 1-6 or Grades 7-8. We are always in special need of catechists (teachers). Perhaps you could team up with a friend and co-teach the class, which we try to keep small (around 12 children per class). We would be happy to discuss any of our volunteer positions with you.

Please return the registration form with your payment and copy of any required Baptismal records to the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible **but no later than June 1st.** Returning them even earlier would be a great help to our planning and preparation process.

Children are placed in classes based on the order in which we receive the registration forms.

You may return your registration materials by sending them in to Faith Formation sessions with your child, mailing them, or placing them in the locked mailbox located at the back of the Rectory under the Faith Formation sign.

Faith Formation is a lifelong endeavor in which we are continually learning about and growing in our faith. **Attendance at all levels is important to ensure that continuity of formation.** Learning the basics during grades 1-8 is a requirement to prepare for Confirmation. We cannot claim our adult faith unless we first know it and understand it.

Grades 9 and 10 are the immediate preparation for Confirmation. We concentrate on what it means to live as an adult in the Catholic Church. What are the gifts? What are the responsibilities? Are we ready to publically proclaim our faith?

St. Agatha Parish is proud to be able to offer structured catechesis at each of these levels, to supplement the learning that is happening in the home. We are happy to partner with the parents in this effort. We are confident that families will ensure that there are no gaps in this process; we never can 'take a break' from our faith.

Due to space limitations and availability of catechists, we will follow these procedures:

- **Children will be assigned to classes, *in the order in which registration are received.***
- ***No child will be assigned to a class until there is a catechist to teach it.* In the last few years this has meant that, even children who were registered by the deadline or close to it, were not able to be placed in a class because there was not a catechist available.**
- **If you register after June 1st, we cannot guarantee that your child will be assigned to a class by the first session. This timeline will be especially acute this year since there will be sporadic availability of office personnel after the end of school, thereby limiting the registration process.**

In light of the above procedures, we urge you to register your child(ren) as soon as possible.

If you know any parishioners whose oldest child will enter the first grade next year, please ask them to contact the Faith Formation Office for registration materials or to check our parish website www.stagathaparish.org .

We want all of our parish children to be able to participate in Faith Formation sessions. Financial assistance is available. Please call the Faith Formation office.

Thank you for all you do to form your children in the faith!
We pledge you our continued support.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen Cronin & Jenn Caputo
Faith Formation
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ST. AGATHA PARISH

2018-2019

Faith Formation Registration Form Grades 1-8 / Parish Family Information Update

(There is a separate form for Grades 9-10.)

By completing this registration form you become/continue to be a registered member of the St. Agatha Parish community.

---FAMILY INFORMATION---

(Please print clearly)

Family Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone(s) Father _____ Cell Phone(s) Father _____

Mother _____ Mother _____

E-mail address (Please print clearly) _____

Father: First Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Occupation _____

Mother: First Name _____ Last Name _____ Maiden _____

Date of Birth _____ Occupation _____

Emergency Contact **Do not list yourself as the Emergency Contact. (We MUST have a non-parental Emergency contact. We will always try to contact the family first.)**

Name _____ Relationship to child(ren) _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

---CHILD(REN)'S INFORMATION---

To keep the Parish records current, please list all children in your family, including those not enrolling in our program.

	Child #1	Child #2	Child #3	Child #4
First Name				
Gender				
Date of Birth				
School as of Sept. 2018				
Grade as of Sept. 2018				
Disabilities (confidential)				
Medical Conditions/Allergies (confidential)				
Additional Information you think we should know (confidential)				
Baptism				
Baptism Church				
Baptism Church Address				
First Communion Church				

Pictures of the sessions occasionally appear on the parish website and bulletin. Please let us know, in writing, if you do not want your child's picture to appear.

So that St. Agatha Parish may better minister to your family's needs, please let us know the following information:

Would you like to use the weekly offertory envelopes? Yes _____ No _____ Already receive them _____

Would you like to use the on-line giving option? Yes _____ No _____ Already contribute in this way _____

--- Grades 1-6 ---

SCHEDULE/ CHOICE OF DAY: Sessions for Grades 1-6 are offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:45-5:00pm. Please choose **the one day** that is most convenient for your family. Due to space limitations and availability of catechists on any given afternoon, the following procedures will be followed:

- Children will be assigned to classes *in the order in which registrations are received.*
- No child will be assigned to a class until there is a catechist to teach it.
- **If you register after June 1st, we cannot guarantee that your child will be assigned to a class by the first session.**
- **When a Catechist is available your child/children will be assigned to the day YOU choose – the Faith Formation Office will not switch your child to another day unless requested by a parent, and space is available.**

Please circle the day you would like your child/children to attend - **choose only one day.** Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: We depend on our volunteers. Please indicate the ways in which you could enrich our program.

I am willing to be a Catechist (Teacher) for Grade _____ on Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

For catechists only, in appreciation for sharing your faith, time and talent as a catechist, the registration fee for your children in **Grades 1-8 only** is waived.

(Catechist ONLY) However, a donation of \$20 per child to cover the cost of materials would be appreciated. (Catechist ONLY)

If you are unable to be a Catechist, we also need help in the following ways.

I am willing to be a substitute catechist for my child(ren)'s class. _____ (Indicate Day/grade(s))

I am willing to be a door/hall monitor _____ ** Vital safety/security role
parking lot safety officer _____ office helper _____

--- GRADE 7-8 ---

SCHEDULE: Grades 7 & 8 meet in the Gathering Space in the lower church on a weekday evening - TBD

I am willing to be a Small Group Leader for Grade 7 Grade 8 Sub

For catechists only, in appreciation for sharing your faith, and time as a catechist, the registration fee for your children in **Grades 1-8 only** is waived. **However, a donation of \$20 per child to cover the cost of materials would be appreciated. . (Catechist ONLY)**

---REGISTRATION FEES--- [The deadline is June 1, 2018.](#)

Before June 1st \$75 per child \$175 max per family After June 1st \$90 per child \$200 max per family

(Confirmation registration requires a different form and fee, and is not included in the family maximum)

Please make checks payable to St. Agatha Church Return this form with payment to the

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Milton MA 02186

For Office Use Only: Date rec'd _____ Amount _____ Check # _____ Order # _____

Catechist Registration Fee waiver _____

Catechist child Book Fee _____