

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

2017-2018 REGISTRATION FOR Religious Ed/Faith Formation Programs for GRADES K-5
Classes begin September 24th & 25th

**\$25.00 PER FAMILY LATE FEE IN EFFECT (FOR RETURNING FAMILIES),
FOR REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER SEPTEMBER 18TH!**

Dear Parents,

Just as you are winding down to enjoy your summer, it is time to register/re-register for our faith formation programs for Grades K-5. Because of the size and number of classes, as well as limited Monday afternoon classes for grades 1-5, and one Monday night class for Grade 5, it will be **necessary to adhere to the following deadlines:**

The after school program on Mondays for grades 1-5 is very complicated because space is so limited. It is still considered experimental and depends on having enough volunteers, and on weekend Mass attendance. Please register for a Sunday session, as well as for Monday. We will notify you of your placement as soon as possible. Priority will be given to those who attended Monday classes last year **AND** who return their form by August 15th. Otherwise, **you will be put on a waiting list BY DATE RECEIVED!** Classes are from 3:30-4:30 and are at various places on the property. All begin by meeting in the lower church hall. Advice: REGISTER EARLY, even if you need to pay at a later date!

1. All registrations received **prior to September 1st** are guaranteed their preferred session/special requests to be with certain friends, etc. **Please do not ask for special allowances after September 1st.**
2. **Registration forms must be received no later than Sunday, September 18th for your child to begin class on September 24th or 25th. If you are not returning for any reason, please notify Rosemary.** If your child was not baptized at Our Lady's, a copy of their baptismal certificate is needed.
3. If you have a child starting classes for the first time, please download a blank form at www.sholnewton.org. **If you are new to the parish, please register as members of the parish before registering your child for classes. You can do this online (www.sholnewton.org).** Please do not put two children on one form. **If they are in Grade 2 and did not attend classes last year, you must speak with Rosemary before registering.**
4. Sunday morning classes are held in the high school building or attached Parish Center (all enter on Washington Street) from 8:45-9:45 OR 11:15-12:15. Parents of children in Grades K & 1 will be notified of their child's classroom number for drop off. This will not happen until a day or two before classes begin. Please watch your e-mail. Children in Grades 2 through 5 report to the auditorium. For safety reasons, parents are REQUIRED to walk their children in AND pick them up INSIDE.
5. Parents of **First Communion students from Catholic Schools** are asked to call Rosemary and MUST register BY October 1st if they expect their children to receive First Penance in early December and First Communion in the Spring. There is a required parent meeting in October or November. There is a place to check of "Catholic School" on the registration form.

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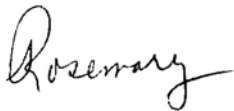
6. We would appreciate payment with registration, if possible. **The cost is \$100.00 per child.** Because our programs run at a deficit every year, please consider assisting other families in need with an additional donation, if you are able. Any amount is welcome. Children are always welcome without payment if there is a **serious need.** However, it is necessary to speak to Rosemary if this is the case. Multiple smaller payments throughout the year are welcome. **Parents who volunteer EVERY WEEK do not pay for their children.**

7. If you know of someone who may be new to our parish or programs, please encourage them to register as soon as possible. We want them to know they are more than welcome!

Finally, I have a dream of beginning the year with all of our volunteer needs met by September 8th. As you know, we do not open without two catechists in each class. This makes it easier for everyone, provides a sub if the lead catechist is sick or out of town, and provides an aide at the same time. Catechists (teachers), assistant catechists and hall monitors are all needed. Please let me know if you will help! It is only 20 weeks of the year! So many people tell me how much they learn by teaching their children. There is a place for volunteers to check off their availability on the registration form. There will be catechist trainings here at Our Lady's. There will also be training available for new catechists before classes begin.

I sincerely hope you have a wonderful, refreshing, relaxing, safe summer, and look forward to seeing you on September 24th or 25th, if not before. The parish picnic will begin at 12:15 on opening day. We hope you will plan to stay for a hot dog or burger and ice cream! Please call me with ANY questions (617-527-7560 ext 213). Or, if new to the program, stop by the office and say "hello." I expect to be here EXCEPT for 7/30-8/6. Have a great rest of the summer! God Bless You!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosemary".

Rosemary Seibold
Pastoral Associate/Director of Religious Education
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Our Lady Help of Christians Religious Education Registration Form (GRADES K-5) 2017-2018

---Classes Begin September 24th and 25th---

Please print clearly and update any missing or incorrect information. Incomplete forms will be returned!
Requests for friends must be received by September 1. All forms must be received by September 18 to begin classes on opening day.

Child's Name _____ Birth Date _____ Gender _____ School Gr. _____ Rel Ed. Gr _____ If new, previous RelEd? (when/where) _____

Address, including ZIP _____ Home Phone _____

Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____ Parent/Guardian Cell Phone(s) _____

Family E-mail Address(es): _____

Name and contact information for non-custodial parent/guardian if different from above: _____

REQUIRED Emergency Contact- NOT A PARENT

Name and Relation: _____ Phone Number: _____

Sacraments Received (*New students: please attach copies of certificates for any Sacraments NOT celebrated at Our Lady's*)

Baptism	Y N	Church: _____	Date: _____
Penance	Y N	Church: _____	Date: _____
Eucharist	Y N	Church: _____	Date: _____

Session Request: Sunday 8:45-9:45 _____ Sunday 11:15-12:15 _____ Catholic School _____

***Monday 3:30-4:30 _____ Monday 7:00-8:00 (Grade 5 Only!) _____

*(***Note: Monday sessions have very limited space. Priority will be given to those who attended Monday classes last year AND who return their registration form by **August 15**. After that, space will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are requesting Monday afternoon classes, please choose a back-up Sunday session as well.)*

Child's School: _____

Allergies/Medical Conditions: _____

Special Classroom Needs or Concerns: _____

Any Reasons for Irregular Attendance: _____

ONE FRIEND with whom your child would like to be placed _____

Program Fee: \$100 per student (\$35 for Catholic School students). Payments may be made in installments.

Late Fee: \$25 per family for returning families registering after September 18.

Our Religious Education program runs at a deficit every year. Please consider assisting other families in need with their tuition, by adding an additional donation to your payment, if you are able. Thank you!

People who volunteer weekly do not pay for their child's classes. See the included letter for fee information.

Catechist _____ Asst. Catechist _____ Grade _____ Hall Monitor _____ Help w/Special Needs _____ Help w/Social Events _____

Mail completed form and payment to: Our Lady's Parish, 573 Washington St, Newton, MA 02458, ATTN: Rosemary