



## Faith Formation (Religious Education)

*Catholic education and faith experiences for parishioners of all ages at St. Thomas the Apostle, Oxford*

# Registration Information 2024-2025

*Questions? Call Wanda Mascola (203) 888-2382, ext. 102*

**Welcome** to St. Thomas the Apostle where we practice intergenerational, life-long faith formation through a variety of religious education programs. Whether you are single, part of a family or couple, retired, or new to the community, you are welcome to join us as we explore our Catholic faith -- rich in tradition, prayer, scripture and history.

**Please return the registration form by August, 2024.**

### Family Faith Gatherings

- Family Sessions offer Faith Formation for Families with children in Grades PK- 5<sup>th</sup>
- Monthly attendance from September through April
- 2 ½ -hour sessions
- A meal is included during each gathering and promotes a sense of community and sharing among the faithful
- Adults continue their faith journey in their own class as the younger parishioners gather with friends and catechists (teachers) to learn more about the Gospel Message of Jesus and the traditions of our Catholic faith;
- Sacramental Preparation of First Reconciliation/Eucharist (Confession/Holy Communion) are separate classes  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade is responsible for participation in Family Faith Classes as well as sacramental preparation classes.**
- In the weeks we are not in session you and your family will work together on the Gospel Assignments

### Middle School Mondays

- Monthly Attendance from September to April
- 2 hour Sessions that includes a meal
- Youth Ministry
- 1 Retreat

### Confirmation Preparation

- Tailored Classes combined with Service and At-Home Projects
- Youth Ministry
- 1 Retreat

### Easy to Register:

## Complete the Registration Form on the reverse side of this page

- Return it to the parish center, in the church vestibule, or by mailing it to: **St. Thomas the Apostle Church; Family Faith Formation 733 Oxford Rd. Oxford CT. 06478 Attn: Wanda Mascola**
- Keep Schedule of Events at Home as a Reminder with all Class Dates, Service and Social Events and Additional Faith Events

### Do you have a child receiving First Eucharist (Holy Communion) or Confirmation in the next few years?

Please remember that attending family faith sessions consistently in the years leading up to classes specific for the sacrament are essential.

- **First Eucharist Candidates** need to be instructed in and practicing our faith for two years prior to receiving the sacrament
- **Confirmation Candidates** will need to attend Youth Ministry Classes in addition to their faith classes
- **Catholic High School students attend Confirmation classes as well as Youth Ministry Classes**

**\*\*Service, Social and Faith Events occur throughout the year. Use the calendar page to mark these events for your families.**