

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious education classes in our parish will begin on September 11, 2011. Registration packets are being mailed/e-mailed to those who had children enrolled in the program last year containing forms to be COMPLETED and RETURNED to register children for the coming year. (NOTE: The grade and cycle of registration are printed next to your child's name.) PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORMS AND MAIL THEM TO St. Mary Parish, 31 Shirley Street, Ayer, MA 01432, OR DROP THEM OFF AT THE PARISH HOUSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE .

If you are new to the parish, or if you have not yet enrolled your children, or if your child attends a parochial school and you wish them to receive First Communion or Confirmation here, enrollment forms are available at the Religious Education Office and at the rear of both St. Anthony and St. Mary Churches (again please note: white registration forms are for registration for St. Anthony classes, and yellow registration forms are for registration for classes at St. Mary – please choose the form for the parish you wish your children to attend). St. Mary registration forms can also be downloaded from our web site: www.stmary-ayer@verizon.net. Fees this year are: \$60 for the first child; \$50 for the second child (\$125 maximum for a family); and a sacramental fee of \$35 for children who will receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation. PLEASE NOTE: You must attend one required meeting if your child will be receiving First Communion. You may choose to attend the meeting on Sunday, September 25, 2011 at St. Anthony Parish Hall from 7:00 till 8:30 pm, or Thursday, September 29, 2011, at St. Mary Parish Hall from 7:00 till 8:30 pm.

Startup Classes & Meeting Times

DATE	MEETING	TIME	LOCATION
September 6	Confirmation II Candidate/Parent/Sponsor All required paperwork is due now.	6:30pm	CCD Center
September 11	Cycle A & Confirmation II Begin ALL Parents' Meeting*	8:00-9:30a 8:15 am	CCD Center Parish Hall
September 13	Confirmation I Candidates & Parents Bring the Candidate Baptism Certificate.	6:30pm	CCD Center
September 18	Cycle B & Confirmation II Begin ALL Parents' Meeting*	8:00-9:30a 8:15 am	CCD Center Parish Hall
September 19	Jr. High Parents and Students Meeting	6:30pm	CCD Center
September 25 September 25 OR September 29	Cycle A & Confirmation II REQUIRED First Communion Parents' Meeting Bring Student Baptism Certificate	8:00-9:30a 7:00-8:30p	CCD Center St. Anthony Parish Hall St. Mary Parish Hall
September 27	Confirmation I Sponsor & Candidate Meeting	6:30pm	CCD Center
October 2	Confirmation III – Students Only	6:00 pm	St. Anthony CCD Center
October 3	Jr. High First Class	6:30-8:00p	CCD Center

(*Religious Education calendars will be handed out at these meetings.)

We are blessed once again to have volunteers to teach our children, but **we are still in need of 3-4 teachers.** Please consider volunteering a little of your time to help. No experience is needed; we'll help you share your faith. Please call (978) 772-7474 **ASAP.**

For more information, please call Donna Vaira at (978) 772-7474