

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious education classes in our parish will begin on September 7, 2008. Registration packets have been mailed to those who had children enrolled in the program last year containing instructions and 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. Anthony of Padua, P.O. Box 595, Shirley, MA 01464, OR DROP THEM OFF AT THE RECTORY 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. Anthony registration forms can also be downloaded from our web site: www.stanthonychurchshirley.org. Fees this year are: \$55 for the first child; \$50 for the second child (\$120 maximum for a family); and a sacramental fee of \$35 for children who will receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation for the first time.

We also have Kindergarten classes at St. Anthony, and hope you will consider enrolling your Kindergarten children as well. This is a wonderful way to introduce learning about Jesus and faith to the little ones when they are open and eager at a time when they “learn everything they need to know in life.”

First Day of Classes for A Cycle – September 7, 2008 – 9:00 am – Parents' Meeting– 10 am - Parish Hall
First Day of Classes for B Cycle – September 14, 2008– 9:00 am– Parents' Meeting– 10 am – Parish Hall

Grades 7 & 8 PARENT & STUDENT Meeting – September 15, 2008 – 6:30 pm – Religious Ed Center

First Communion Parents' Meeting – September 9, 2008 – 6:30 pm – Religious Ed Center
Confirmation I Parent/Candidate Meeting – September 10, 2008 – 6:30 pm – Religious Ed Center
Confirmation II Parent/Sponsor/Candidate Meeting–September 11, 2008-6:30 pm– Religious Ed Center
Confirmation I Sponsor/Candidate Meeting – September 24, 2008 – 6:30 pm - Religious Ed Center

PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING THESE VERY IMPORTANT PARENTS' MEETINGS.

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

We are blessed once again to have volunteers to teach our children, but **we do need some assistants and help with special classes.** Please consider volunteering a little of your time to help in one of these areas. No experience is needed, just a love of children and the willingness to share your time and faith. Please call (978) 772-7474 if you are willing to help. Your rewards will shine from the faces of our children.

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