

Saint Anthony of Padua

Children's Faith Formation Program

2017-18 Formation Year

St. Anthony Education Center

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Faith Formation: Knowledge, Experience & Community

We are committed to 'forming' a community of young disciples through a curriculum that is engaging and experiential as it develops their religious literacy and helps them integrate their Catholic faith into real life applications. We are committed to helping our young disciples 'form' a life long relationship with God and their church community by providing calls to prayer and outreach opportunities that reflect catholic social teaching.



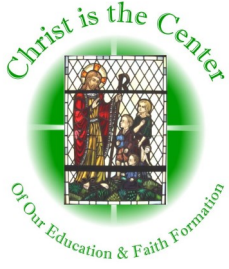
Heavenly Role Models: A Year With The Saints

Welcome to the Saint Anthony of Padua Children's Faith Formation Program! We are excited to begin this year of Faith Formation with your children and family. Please take note of a few reminders regarding this year and registration...

- Your child's experience in Faith Formation at Saint Anthony's is one that will guide them on their journey of faith in knowledge of Catholicism but also in building community with their classmates. **Your child's Faith Formation is our priority and their presence in the classroom is essential.**
- Re-registration forms were mailed in July. Current families with new students and new families enrolling their children can find all forms on the CFF webpage. Whether you are re-registering your child or are a new family joining CFF, we ask that you **complete and update your forms fully and clearly** so we can best serve your family and children throughout the year as we communicate with you and work with your children in the classroom.
- **Please provide a valid & current email address** that is most accessible to a parent/guardian in the 'Family Email' as CFF Updates and cancellations due to inclement weather will be sent via this email address.
- We will continue to use the **Alive in Christ** textbook series which invites our students into building a foundational knowledge of the Catholic faith and reflection on how actively live their faith in their parish, at home, with their peers, and in the local and global community. There are also many online resources to reinforce the concepts covered in their classes [<http://aliveinchrist.osv.com>]
- **Consider registering for our Kindergarten program!** Your child will love this introduction to the Catholic faith with a number of interactive activities designed for ages 5-6 with the Stories of God's Love series.
- Class assignments are on a **first come first served** basis with priority given to CFF volunteer families. Please register as soon as possible. All family members are assigned to the same session. If your first choice is unavailable, you will be contacted before being enrolled.
- **Interested in volunteering for CFF?** Take a look at the flip side of this form for more information!



"Everything that is illuminated becomes a light" [Ephesians 5:13]



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Quick Notes...

Session Options

Tuesday 4:30-6:00PM

Tuesday 6:30-8:00PM

Wednesday 4:30-6:00PM

CFF Year & Class Calendars will be available soon! Please check the CFF Webpage for updates!

Financial Assistance

Financial difficulties should not prevent you from registering your child for Faith Formation. Simply contact the CFF for further assistance.

Volunteer Opportunities

Please consider volunteering for one of these ministries in the CFF program!

*All volunteers must attend Faith Formation classes, Orientations and volunteer specific events throughout the year and must also attend Safe Environment Training and provide the necessary clearances in order to volunteer.

*Catechists and Assistants (age 18+) receive full tuition credit for their families.

*If you have a child grade 7 or older, encourage them to volunteer as a Teen Aide!

Catechists

The catechist is the 'classroom teacher'. He or she is responsible for developing weekly lesson plans which are based on Archdiocesan guidelines and supported by excellent teacher manuals and program resources. The program director handles all the groundwork by calendaring the session with a particular chapter and highlighting the key themes which are then presented to each catechist in an easy to follow binder. 'How to' meetings, workshops and courses are also available. Catechists are supported by the presence of an assistant and teen aide and can expect a class size of approximately 15-20 children.

Assistants

The assistant supports the catechist in the class room by completing administrative duties like attendance and homework as well as actively participating in group discussion, activities or projects. An active and involved assistant is invaluable to the catechist and the children.

Office Assistants

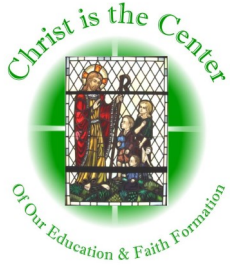
Office assistants handle attendance, office paperwork, closing announcements and dismissal. Office assistants free the program director to interact with the children during liturgical experiences and special activities.

Teen Aides (Grade 7 and older)

Teen aides are a wonderful addition to the CFF Program. Not only do they often assume assistant roles but they model faith in action for the younger children. They also provide invaluable one-on-one help.

We are currently in need of catechists, assistants, office assistants and teen aides especially for all CFF sessions!!

Contact the CFF Office to sign up as a volunteer!



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Registration Tips

1. **Complete all blanks** with information and **print clearly**.
2. A family **email address** is critical for CFF and Parish Flocknote updates and cancellations. If you wish to add an additional email attach the address with a note.
3. **Session times are assigned on a 'first come first serve' basis.** Afternoon sessions are popular. Please note that at Registration time there are often switches to a different day and time depending on family circumstances. Having always attended one time frame does not guarantee placement in that session again.
4. Because we are particularly considerate of our 4:30 session volunteers who work very hard to provide the best environment for children who are attending CFF after a long day at school, **we limit class sizes. Each grade levels maximum class size is based on the total number of children in that grade level.** Please consider registering for the 6:30 session this year. We have found that children at this time frame are often more attentive and participate more actively having had a respite from a long day at school along with dinner.
5. **Being in a carpool does not guarantee a desired session.** Please be sure all car pooling families register early.
6. **Please make CFF a priority when making a session choice.** Registering for a session and then continually being late, picking up early or missing several sessions can disrupt the very moments that would be of 'infinite' value to your child. **Session switches are often not possible once programs have begun.**
7. **Consider volunteering.** Many of our long time volunteers have 'graduated out of CFF'. We have an excellent program with an easy to follow curriculum, great support from the DRE and wonderful volunteers. Check out the chart on the flip side of the Program Overview and see where you can make a difference. **Children of volunteers attend CFF free of charge.**
8. Registration forms can be returned via mail, Rectory, CFF Office or they can be placed in the newly installed mailbox near the front door of the Education Center.
9. Thank you for your support.

St. Anthony CFF Registration Form for New Families 2017-18

Mail or drop off at the St. Anthony CFF Office at 260 Forest Ave. Ambler, PA 19002
Questions? Contact the CFF Office at 215-646-6150 Ext. 2

Office Use Only

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND COMPLETE BOTH SIDES

Section A : Parent Information

Father

Mother

First and Last Name _____

Mother's Maiden Name _____

Religion _____

Primary Phone _____

Alternate Phone _____

Email address for weather cancellations, weekly CFF updates and parish news _____

Are there any custody/legal issues? ___ yes ___ no If yes, please provide a copy of the most recent court documents.

If applicable-Full Name of Stepparent/Guardian _____

We are registered parishioners of St. Anthony ___ Yes ___ No—our parish is _____
and we have received pastoral permission to register our children in St. Anthony's CFF Program.

Section B: Family Information

Send Family Mailings to: _____

Name

Mailing Address: _____
Address City Zip Code

Emergency Contact if we cannot reach a parent: Name: _____

Phone _____ Relationship _____

Section C: Family Tuition Fees/Volunteer Tuition Credit Information

Kindergarten	One Student (Gr. 1-6)	Two Students (Gr. 1-6)	Three + Students (Gr. 1-6)
\$100	\$175	\$300	\$400

Checks payable to St. Anthony Church. (*Payment Plan is available but a minimum payment of \$50 per child is required.)

CFF Fulltime Volunteers (18+ years) receive Full Tuition Credit for their family.

I (We) would like to be a fulltime CFF Volunteer. I (We) understand that all positions are subject to availability and that I (we) will commit to volunteering from September 2017 to April 2018, will submit all background check and attend required training. CFF will be a family priority and I (we) will attend all sessions and formation workshops. Volunteers and their children will be assigned to the same day and time session.

Name(s): _____ Adult/Teen
_____ Adult/Teen

Volunteers: Please indicate your first and second choices for volunteer role and session choice

___ Catechist ___ Assistant ___ Office Assistant ___ Teen aide
___ Tuesdays 4:30-6:00 ___ Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 ___ Wednesdays 4:30-6:00

For Office Use Only: Amount Received _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

Section D: CFF Faith Formation Session Selection

Number a 1st and 2nd choice. You will be notified if your 1st choice is not available due to limited class size.

_____ Tuesdays 4:30-6:00

_____ Tuesdays 6:30-8:00

_____ Wednesdays 4:30-6:00

Child's Formal Name _____
First Last

Child's Preferred Name _____

For Office Use Only

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Gender: Male / Female

School _____ Grade 2017-18 _____

Help us provide the best faith formation possible for your child by letting us know about the special circumstances in your child's life that can have an impact in a classroom setting. Does your child receive learning support or have an IEP in school, have allergies that require an Epi pen, take medication on a regular basis or has your child recently experienced a life altering event (death, divorce, recent move)? _____
If yes, please describe.

Baptismal Information: Date ____/____/____ Church _____
City _____ State _____

Parents' Names as recorded on Baptismal Certificate...

Father: _____ Mother (Maiden Name): _____

If not baptized at St. Anthony Parish, you must attach a copy of the Baptismal Certificate for our records.

Has child received the following sacraments? Reconciliation: Yes / No Eucharist: Yes / No Confirmation: Yes / No

Additional Child's Formal Name _____
First Last

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Section E: Parental Signature Required

↑
I will read the Parent Handbook made available at Family Orientation and online at www.saintanthonyparish.org (CFF link) and agree to the requirements and expectations of the St. Anthony Religious Education Program. ↑

I give permission for my child's picture (with the understanding that my child(ren) will **not** be identified by name) to appear on CFF and Church bulletin boards, local newspaper advertisements or articles, and St. Anthony's web page in relation to events that happen in the parish.

I give permission that, in my absence, my children whose names appear on this registration form, may receive emergency medical care for injuries and all situations that should occur while participating in the Religious Education Program programs and activities at St. Anthony Parish.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____