

CFF Grades 1 to 7

Children's classes for grades 1 through 7 take place in a classroom setting over 3 session options: Tuesday 4:30 & 6:30 PM and Wednesday 4:30 PM. Classes begin in September and end in May. There is a catechist and an aid in each classroom. We are always in need of volunteers who receive a full tuition discount. Teen aids are welcome! Each class is limited to 18 students.

Catechists use the textbook series "Finding God" from Loyola press meets the guidelines of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. A full scope and sequence is available on our website.

Sacrament years are most important. Level 2 students receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation in the early Spring and First Communion on the last Saturday in April. Level 6 is the primary year for preparation for Confirmation which takes place in the Fall of Level 7.



Throughout the year there are a number of Faith and Family events in which parents and children participate together such as Advent Wreath making.



Special Education Class

Every person is a unique and precious gift who holds a sacred place in the family of God. All Catholics are equal in dignity and are called to the Lord's embrace. All are to be welcomed and included in parish life.

We are pleased to have a Special Education class taught by a certified teacher. A child with special needs might learn best in a certain setting and also might learn best at a level or pace that is different from peers. The "Adaptive Finding God" program takes these learning situations into account and provides a customizable program. It provides flexible options for settings, ranging from one-on-one to group catechesis, as well as two adaptable levels: Hands-On Level and Adapted Grade Level. Special Education class is held on Sunday morning during the 10:30 AM Mass in the Paduan Room of the Parish Center.



There are many different circumstances in families wherein children become behind or off cycle on their religious instruction. We are happy to work with parents to get children up to grade level and prepared for the reception of their sacraments.

Registration: visit the CFF page on our website.

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Our Programs

Parents are the true, first teachers of the faith to their children. The family is the bedrock of our faith communities; it is the domestic church. Catechesis is the essential ministry of the Catholic Church through which the teachings of the Faith have been passed on to believers throughout the ages. Catechesis begins in the family. **Parents are catechists** from a child's earliest moments as they teach them their prayers, to bless themselves or dip their little fingers in the Holy Water at the door of the church. The parish has the **responsibility to assist parents** in teaching their children, providing opportunities for them to come to know our loving God.

St. Anthony Parish offers Children's Faith Formation programs from 3 years old through the 7th grade. Together our parents and catechists help our children grow in the faith, prepare them for their sacraments, teach them about God and the church. In this way, parents and parish together, form them as the next generation of Jesus's disciples. Our programs include:

- Little People's Sunday Worship
- Kindergarten CFF
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- CFF Classes Grades 1-7
- Special Education Class



Little People's Sunday Worship

Little People is designed for parish children age 3 and up to (but not including) Kindergarten. We meet Sunday mornings during the 10:30 Mass in the Friendship Hall Meeting Room October through April. The Lesson resources reflect the Sunday Gospel, are easy to use and are specially designed for the younger children.

Little People Sunday Worship is a parent co-op program where one adult per participating family is scheduled to be the Catechist or assistant several times a semester. The program is free of charge. Families are not obliged to participate every week.



Kindergarten Program

Using lectionary based materials, our children meet weekly for instruction, prayer, and activities. Previously, this class was scheduled with the 1st through 7th grade CFF Program. Realizing that attending religious instruction after a full class day could be tiring for these little ones, our Kindergarten children's faith formation will now take place on Sunday Morning during the 10:30 AM Mass. Children need to register for the program however, there will not be a charge for tuition. Parents are encouraged to participate as CFF volunteers.

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Mt. 19:14

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is available to all children in grades 1 through 3, during the 10:30 Sunday Mass. This special liturgical program begins in October and ends in April. Following the Opening Prayer children are called forward to process to Friendship Hall with their catechetical leader and 'shepherd'. Once the children are settled in their prayer space they echo all of the rituals the assembly experiences in the Church and listen to the Readings in child friendly language. The catechetical leader helps the children reflect on the Readings by using interactive activities such as role playing, drawing, and sharing. The children pray an abbreviated creed, offer intercessions and return to the main Church during the collection.

Volunteers are Vital!

Headed by our Director of Religious Education, all of our programs are volunteer based. Catechists, classroom aids, office help, and administrative staff are all people who love the faith and desire to share it with the children of the parish. Some are parents, some not. Volunteers receive a full tuition credit for their children in the program.

All volunteers are required to have full clearances assuring our children are kept safe. Each classroom has a catechist and an aid. Teen aids are welcome. Catechists are provided with a teacher's manual and support; there is no need to be professional educator.

Tuition

There is no tuition for Little People's Sunday Worship, Children's Liturgy of the Word, or the Kindergarten Program. The tuition schedule for CFF levels 1-7 and Special Education is as follows:

1 Child: \$190	First Communion Fee: \$100
2 Children: \$340	Some financial aid-is available.
3+ Children: \$430	