

Our Lady of the Angels Parish  
1222 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01603  
Religious Education Ministry

July 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As some of you may know, Darleen has moved onto another position at another parish. I have accepted the Director of Religious Education position and am very excited and feel blessed to be back! I was the Director from 2001 to 2015. Our Church considers parents and caretakers as **primary educators** of children in the area of faith development and Christian formation. It is from **you** that our children learn compassion, forgiveness, and love- all true hallmarks of our faith in God. As Director, I am here along with many volunteer catechists and aides to help and support you in this task. I look forward to getting to know you and your family and accompanying you on this journey to grow in faith, knowledge, love and service as disciples of Jesus Christ.

“Effective catechesis/religious education occurs when word, worship and service are so integrated that faith is proclaimed and becomes living, conscious and active through the light of instruction, formation, liturgy and service. The fundamental tasks of parish religious education remain:

- To proclaim Christ’s message
  - To participate in efforts to develop community
  - To lead people to worship and prayer
  - To motivate the community of believers to serve others.”
- (National Catechetical Directory)

### **PROGRAM VISION**

*Our Lady of the Angels’ Religious Education Program strives to provide complementary formational and information experiences to: foster, develop and nurture a mature Christian faith; to empower individuals to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today; and to draw individuals to responsible participation in the life, mission and work of the Catholic faith community. We dedicate ourselves to building up the Body of Christ and continuing Jesus’ threefold mission as Prophet, Priest and Servant-King through the ministries of Word, Worship and Service in the context of a parish faith community which explores, proclaims, celebrates, shares and lives faith together in the richness of our Catholic tradition.*

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION**

The end of summer is already in sight. As we look forward to the start of another school year, it is time to register your child(ren) for the Religious Education Program for the 2018-2019 school year. Please fill out the registration form and return it to the Rectory no later than August 24<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are also available at the church entrances as well as under the education tab on our website [www.ourladyofangels.org](http://www.ourladyofangels.org).

Please note the following:

- Schedules for grades K-8 and 9-10 can be found on our website at [www.ourladyofangels.org](http://www.ourladyofangels.org). Click on the EDUCATION link at the top of the homepage. Then click under the Grades K through Confirmation under the schedule heading.
- Fees are listed on the Registration Form—next page after this letter.
- First day of class for Grades K-8 will be Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 9-10 A.M.
- First day of class for Grade 9-10 will be Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 9-10 A.M. (**public school students only**)
- Confirmation: An important parent/student meeting will take place on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 9-10 a.m. in the school hall.

- First day of class for Confirmation candidates will be Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> (Public and Catholic school students)
- Parents are asked to complete the Safe Environment Parent Permission Form included in this registration packet. Parents who are new to our program or who have not yet attended a Safe Environment meeting should plan on attending September 23<sup>rd</sup> in the school gym while students are in class.
- We encourage parents to consider attending the 10:30 A.M. Mass with your children, during which we have the Children's Liturgy of the Word for them. **Weekly participation in Mass is one of the things that characterize us as Catholics. It helps the children to connect what they are learning each week. We need the Eucharist to strengthen us so that we can be more Christ-like in this world. We also remember Christ's great sacrifice for all of us and all that he has blessed us with.**

### **YOUTH GROUP FOR GRADES 6-8 AND GRADES 9-12**

On Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady of the Angels will be having a youth group kick off meeting/social. We invite all students in Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-10 to attend our kickoff event from 6:00-7:30 P.M. in Reiger Hall. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be provided. Come with your ideas and plans for some great events and activities for the upcoming year. Feel free to bring a friend!

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWSLETTER**

A parent newsletter will be available four times a year. This newsletter is both educational as well as informative. It will include updated calendar events as the year progresses. Please provide us with a current email address on the registration form so that we can send this to you.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Running a religious education program takes a large effort from many people. Therefore, the more people who are able to help, the better we are able to offer a quality program. Please consider volunteering in our program and indicate this in the appropriate area of the volunteer form.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 508-791-0951 (ext. 18) or email me at [kbarrowsola@aol.com](mailto:kbarrowsola@aol.com). I look forward to seeing you and your family.

May God Bless You!

Sincerely,

*Karen Barrows*

Mrs. Karen Barrows  
Director of Religious Education

**OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – 2018/2019**

Office use only:

Date Rec'd

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Pmt: \_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_ No

Family/Guardian Information

NAME (Adult responsible for children) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** if you move or change your telephone number please contact me ASAP to update information!

**PARENT/GUARDIAN Information**

**Father's Name**

**Mother's First & MAIDEN Name**

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\_\_\_\_\_

Business \_\_\_\_\_

Business \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Religion \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status (circle one)

married    separated    divorced  
single      remarried    deceased

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married    separated    divorced  
single      remarried    deceased

**EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

Contact Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Child \_\_\_\_\_

**Religious Education Fees**

**Gr. K & 1, & Gr. 3-9: \$45.00 one child; \$65.00 two children; \$75.00 three or more children.**

**First Penance - \$75.00 (due by 9/30/18) First Communion \$75.00 (due no later than 1/31)**

**Confirmation (Grade 10) \$100.00**

No child needs to go without religious education because of the inability to pay. We will accommodate your needs. Please make us aware of your situation.

All classes are on Sunday morning from 9:00 am. to 10:00 am. (All classes are in OLA school)

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**IF YOUR CHILD WAS NOT BAPTIZED HERE AT OLA, PLEASE BE SURE TO SEND IN A COPY OF YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE** (if you have not already done so).

If you send in the original copy it will be returned to you promptly. You may even fax it to my attention at 508-753-9531).

Your family must be registered with the parish in order for your child to be enrolled in our religious education classes. If you are unsure if you are registered in this parish, please call the rectory at 508-791-0951. Thank you.

(over)

(youngest to oldest)

**First Student's Information**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Any ALLERGIES \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Email for gr. 6 and up: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Birth City & State \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism: No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ at what church \_\_\_\_\_

address of church \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Communion: No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Reconciliation No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation: No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Second Student's Information**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Any ALLERGIES \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Email for gr. 6 and up: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Birth City & State \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism: No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ at what church \_\_\_\_\_

address of church \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Communion: No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Reconciliation No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation: No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Third Student's Information**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Any ALLERGIES \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Email for gr. 6 and up: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Birth City & State \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism: No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ at what church \_\_\_\_\_

address of church \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Communion: No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Reconciliation No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation: No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Fourth Student's Information**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Any ALLERGIES \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Email for gr. 6 and up: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Birth City & State \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism: No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ at what church \_\_\_\_\_

address of church \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Communion: No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Reconciliation No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation: No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Fifth Student's Information**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Any ALLERGIES \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Email for gr. 6 and up: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Birth City & State \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism: No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ at what church \_\_\_\_\_

address of church \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Communion: No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Reconciliation No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation: No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VOLUNTEER FORM – 2018/2019**

“Not to be served but to serve.” (Matthew 20:28)

We can't run a successful program without help from many people! Please consider volunteering in our program! (Please note: all teenage and adult volunteers will be subject to a CORI review.)

**STUDENT (Grades 7-12) AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Here are some of the ways you can help our Religious Education Program:

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Aide \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Substitute Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Retreats \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Ministry \_\_\_\_\_

Music Ministry \_\_\_\_\_ Vocalist \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument Played \_\_\_\_\_

Hospitality \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Time \_\_\_\_\_

Clerical Help \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Time \_\_\_\_\_

Field Trip Chaperone \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Liturgy of the Word (10:30 a.m. Mass) \_\_\_\_\_

General Help (help where and when needed, from time to time) \_\_\_\_\_

Other (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

If you need more information, please contact: Karen Barrows at: 508-791-0951, ext. 18  
kbarrowsola@aol.com

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**Safe Environment Parent Permission Form**

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not familiar with or have not seen the Bishop's video from our Diocese and:

\_\_\_\_\_ will plan to attend the Parent meeting on September 23rd from 9-10 A.M.

\_\_\_\_\_ am unable to attend the Parent meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and will

contact the Director of Religious Education to arrange an alternative.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have already reviewed the Bishop's video from our Diocese and reviewed the material that will be used in the classroom for the children.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not want my child to participate in the class when the Safe Environment material will be taught.

\_\_\_\_\_ I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the Safe Environment class each year unless I notify the Director of Religious Education.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

List additional children below and grade if needed.