



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Church Religious Formation

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to all families of new and returning students. It is time now to register your children for the 2024-2025 Religious Formation Program. We look forward to seeing you again and hope that you are as excited as we are as we look forward to a new catechetical year. Every child has a special place in the program that no one else can fill; we look forward to seeing every student at every class and at the activities planned throughout the year!

Registration for the School Year program is open beginning March 2, 2024. Please return: each child's grade level registration form, fee form, Time & Talent form, and your payment.

Submit forms by April 24, 2024 to receive a \$50.00 discount on registration fees.

Please visit www.easeton.net, click on "Religious Formation" and scroll to the bottom of the page. You may also pick up forms from the RF Office. Please return all packets to the RF Office, mail them, or leave them in the 'drop bin' which is right OUTSIDE the office entrance doors.

Please review carefully the schedule of classes being offered for the coming year.

All classes for Grades K – 8 begin the week of September 9, 2024.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES: 2024-2025

Kindergarten: Tuesday or Wednesday Afternoons: 4:45 PM – 6:00 PM

Grades 1 – 7: Monday, Tuesday OR Wednesday Afternoons: 4:45 PM – 6:00 PM OR
Tuesday Evenings: 6:30PM – 7:45PM

Grade 8 ONLY: Monday Evenings 7:00PM – 8:30PM

We will try to honor all applicants' first request for student placement. However, please keep in mind that we have over 600 students to assign. With the exception of 8th Grade, and unless specified otherwise, children in the same family will be assigned placement in the same session. Session and class assignments will be finalized by the end of June. Our primary mode of communication to you is the Sunday Bulletin – which is also available on-line via our parish website: www.easeton.net. Please read the bulletin for announcements regarding placement. Notification will NOT be sent via US mail.

To ensure our quality religious formation, the class size is limited to 10-12 students. When classes are full, late registrants will be placed on a waiting list until a Catechist or a space becomes available.

TIME REQUIREMENTS:

“It is the recommendation of the Diocese of Metuchen, Office of Religious Formation, that classes for parish-based Religious Formation programs be held thirty (30) to thirty-two (32) sessions during the school year, and that these sessions be at least one hour and fifteen minutes in length.”

TUITION DETAILS:

Tuition includes all resources, supplies, and the textbook series.

Full payment of tuition is due at the time of registration. No student is denied Religious Formation because of financial concerns. Arrangements for special circumstances can be made by consulting the Parish Catechetical Leader of the Religious Formation Program, Mariam Nawab, at mnawab@easeton.net or 908-284-2929 ext 1123.

ATTENTION: Please plan to attend Mass in person with your child each weekend and special occasions.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED AT REGISTRATION:

1. The program is offered to all families who are registered in our Parish. If you are not receiving contribution envelopes or any other mailing from the Parish, you are most likely not registered. Registration is an easy, uncomplicated matter that is done through the Parish Office. (Parish registration forms will be available at RF registration for those who need them.)
2. For children in Kindergarten, or First Grade or who are new to our program: we need a copy of each child's Baptismal Certificate, OR if baptized in our parish, the approximate date of baptism.
3. Transfer students must provide a letter of transfer from the previous Religious Formation Program verifying Religious Instruction and a Certificate of First Holy Communion, if applicable.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION PARISH REQUIREMENTS:

- 1- The child should be at least in the 2nd Grade.
- 2- The child must be a baptized Roman Catholic.
- 3- The child must be receiving catechetical instruction in our Religious Formation Program.
- 4- The child must have at least two years of Religious Formation.

SPECIAL APPEAL:

Your active participation in our program is always most welcome! We are in need of Catechists, Aides, and Substitute Catechists for all sessions, but other positions are available as well. Please consider giving some time to this important ministry.

The support of so many parents and others is very much appreciated. May God bless you all.

Sincerely in Christ,

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