



CLASSES RESUME



All registered families should have received a packet in **March** to complete and return by the final Registration date in April. Those registered families should then have received a packet with the schedule in August.

- ✦ Family schedule – highlight and keep to refer to through-out the year
- ✦ Classes – Sundays 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- ✦ Reconciliation – Tuesday evenings during Advent & Lent or before the Saturday evening Mass. Grades 2 – HS are listed on the schedule, but students are encouraged to celebrate the sacrament as needed any time through-out the year.
- ✦ Notes – read bottom of schedule and highlight those dates on your calendar.
- ✦ Parent/Student/Teacher Meetings – essential, new information is always discussed and parents, students and teachers are expected at these meetings.
- ✦ Meet your student's teacher at your Grade meeting and exchange information. Remember they are volunteers and need your support!
- ✦ **Keep informed, keep involved!**

The bulletin boards in the church and rectory, the Church bulletin, and our website should be checked regularly as resources for program information.

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****Parent/student agreement forms and Volunteer forms should be returned every year. These are kept on file through out the year and we are all called to help in some way within our parish community. Please get these back to us A.S.A.P.**

PK – K – parents bring students to the **Church basement** at 10:10 on **September 24th**, Pick up at 11:20 following the 10:15 Mass.

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th – students & parents meet in Church at 8:30 on **September 10th** for a brief meeting and class assignments. Teachers will bring everyone to their classroom and give out information for their class plus the grade syllabus. Parents will then go to the new addition for community service information for the grade their student is in. Refreshments will be served. Pick up students from class at 10:00 with Mass following.

Grades 6 – HS – students and parents will receive community service information for the grade their student is in on **September 9th** following the 4:00 Mass. Join us in the new addition for refreshments and important handouts.

6th – 6th Grade students receive their bibles at 10:15 Mass on **September 24th**. 6th Grade students and parents meet in Church on **September 24th at 8:45 a.m.** for a meeting, class assignments and meeting with teacher. 6th Grade's first class is on **10/1 at 8:30 a.m.**

7th & 8th – students & parents meet in Church on **September 17th at 9:00 am** to receive details about the year and important new information. Group classes for the 7th & 8th Grades begin on **10/16 at 6:00 p.m.**

High School – Students in grades 9, 10 or 11 who **haven't** completed 2 years of the high school program, with their parents, meet in the Church on **Monday, October 2nd at 6:00 p.m.** for explanation and handouts on the High School Year I and II program. Classes begin **October 22nd**.

Many volunteer opportunities are available and since we are all called to service in Christ, Jesus at our baptism, please prayerfully consider getting more involved in your parish community and sign up for something today, if you haven't already. God Bless.

*****If you still haven't registered, please go to the information desk in the church foyer and someone will assist you. If you still owe money, registration forms or baptismal certificates, someone will help with that as well.**

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HIGHLIGHTS OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Parents and Students: The dates that are listed below are part of the Religious Education program along with classes and weekly worship at Mass. Families should make every attempt to attend these events. Be sure to highlight your customized, family schedule with these important dates.



Upcoming Events



**Holy Mackerel,
Take a Look At This**

September 9th - Community service information for Grades 6 - HS (following 4:00 Mass)
September 10th - First day classes Grades 1-5 plus community service information
September 17th - Catechetical Sunday. Mass for all teachers at 10:15.
October 21st - Crop Walk 9:00 a.m. (8th Grade Community Service Project)
November 18th & 19th - Bake Sale following all Masses (7th Grade Comm. Serv.)
December 3rd - **ADVENT Begins**
December 3rd - Christmas Show 1st & 3rd Grades
December 10th - Christmas Show 2nd Grade
December 17th - Christmas Show PK, K, 4th & 5th Grades
December 25th - Merry Christmas. Holy day of obligation.
January 1st - Happy New Year. Holy day of obligation. Mary, mother of God
February 3rd & 4th - "Souper" Bowl Sunday weekend. (8th Grade Community Service Project)
February 14th - Ash Wednesday (**LENT begins**) Rice Bowls (6th Grade C.S.)
March 23rd - Living Stations (7:30) Performed by our HS Year II students. A unique, moving experience that shouldn't be missed.

Holy Week - This is the holiest time in our church and every effort should be made to attend these events. Experience for yourself the magnitude of God's love for us through Christ's Passion on the Cross.

March 25th - Palm Sunday - Passion Play 3/24 & 3/25 (HS Year I Community Serv.)
March 28th - Seder Supper (6:30 p.m. served by our high school students)
March 29th - Holy Thursday (7:00 p.m.)
March 30th - Good Friday stations at cemetery (10:00 a.m.) powerful experience.
March 30th - Good Friday Lord's Passion (7:00 p.m.)
March 31st - Easter Vigil (7:30 p.m.)
April 1st - Easter Sunday (Easter Egg Hunt hosted by our 7th Grade)

REGISTRATION DATES - *DON'T WAIT!***** Last Year was the best registration return ever! It made it so much easier to process the majority of registrations at the same time. Let's shoot for 100%! **PLEASE mail in your registration, drop it in the collection basket, mailbox at the rectory or stop by at one of these registration times.** Thanks!

March 25th & April 8th - Religious Education registration for 2018/2019 year. Mark your calendars now! Following the 10:15 Mass. **A \$20 Late Fee will incur after April 8th!**
This can be easily avoided by just letting us know that you plan to return in the fall.

May 6th - May Procession

May 10th - Holy day of obligation. Ascension Thursday.



WELCOME BACK! COMMUNITY EVENTS AND REMINDERS

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ALL GRADES – Community Service Projects and more...WOW We need help!

Jesus teaches us to help and serve others. Community Service is a wonderful way for students to learn that important message. ***Please make sure your student participates in the Community Service that their grade is responsible for.*** Parents and family members are also encouraged to get involved and join us in these worthwhile events. ***Service to others should not be a one time event and it really is better to give than to receive!***

We are happy to provide additional Community Service hours for our students, but if it's needed for school it is their responsibility to **COMPLETE THE SERVICE, GET THE FORM, FILL IT OUT AND BRING IT TO KIM GUERTIN BY MAY 1ST FOR HER SIGNATURE** and return it to the school. **DON'T WAIT UNTIL JUNE!*

August – School supply donations being accepted at the church to help Douglas families in need. **HS Year I and HS Year II** community service project.

September 17th – Teacher Mass @ 10:15 (support for our teachers by attending this Mass)

October 21st – Crop Walk 9:00 Northbridge – 8th grade project, but everyone is invited to participate. (Help raise money for the Douglas Food Pantry) **(See Flyer on back)**

**** Get your sponsors early after all Masses on 9/23 & 9/24***

November 18th & 19th – Annual Bake Sale. Bakers and Customers please support the Faith Formation program by participating in our only fundraiser. Hosted by our **7th Grade.**

February 3rd & 4th – “Souper” Bowl Sunday weekend. Join our **8th Grade** community service project and help re-stock the Douglas Food Pantry.

February 14th – Lent begins and so does our **6th Grade Rice Bowl** project. (Support our students and participate in this worthwhile charitable event.)

March 23rd – Living Stations of the Cross (a dynamic presentation by our Confirmation Students that no one should miss!) **Confirmation** service project.

March 24th & 25th – Passion Play – watch or participate in this dramatic re-enactment of Jesus' Passion. Part of our **High School** community service.

March 28th – Learn more about our religious roots by attending the **Seder Supper**, served by our **High School** students.

March 25th – April 1st – Holy Week (Holiest season in the church. All should attend.)

April 1st – Happy Easter! Our **7th grade** students will host an **Easter Egg Hunt** for our children in Grades 3 and younger. Sign-ups preferred.

Through out the year our **High School** students make and sell **Rosary Beads** to help purchase school supplies for students in need. These beads make thoughtful gifts and are available for immediate sale or special orders. See the Rosary page on our web-site.

Food donations are accepted all year for the **Douglas Food Pantry** located in the rectory basement. Our **8th grade** is responsible for this community service project and in addition to the **Crop Walk** and **“Souper” Bowl** they also help put together **Food Baskets** at Thanksgiving and Christmas.



Also watch for the “Mother's Love”, Christmas “Giving Tree”, Family Fun Day and the new Spiritual Adoption programs.

GOING GREEN FOR GOD

St. Denis Church is doing their part for the environment by recycling paper. Join us by bringing your paper to the paper retriever in the back parking lot. Please follow procedures of what can and cannot be recycled.

Community Service is an important part of our program. We keep track of the church projects that each student participates in, so if they help the church in other ways, we will mark them down for that as well. Please encourage your child to get involved and consider helping us as a parent volunteer.

God Bless!

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BLACKSTONE VALLEY CROP WALK

WHAT: Neighbors walking together to take a stand against hunger in our world. Each year some two million CROP Walkers, volunteers, and sponsors put their hearts and souls in motion, raising over \$16 million per year to help end hunger and poverty around the world - and in their own communities.

You can be a part of all this!

NEEDED: Volunteers to donate food, baked goods or drinks for walkers..

HOW: Simply by saying "yes" and registering as a walker, sponsor or volunteer. Tables will be set up in the church during September and October. Specific details and information will be presented then as well.

WHEN: Saturday, October 21st at 9:00 a.m. Registration begins at 8:30.

WHERE: Trinity Church, Whitinsville to
The Uxbridge Town Common

**Very little time and effort required, but the rewards are big!
ONLY 3 MILES!**

WHO: ALL St. Denis parishioners are invited and strongly encouraged to participate in this worthwhile cause.

WHY: Together, we raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local hunger-fighting. CROP Hunger Walks help children and families world wide - and right here in the U.S. - to have food for today, while building for a better tomorrow.

Fulfill your community service requirements!

FIND OUT MORE!
Go to: www.cropwalk.org

Get hours signed for school community service!

Discover how good it feels when you help other people who need it!