

Saint Peter Church
30 Saint Peter's Lane, PO Box 707
Higganum, CT 06441
(860) 345-8018

Dear Faith Formation Families,

Thank you for entrusting your children to Saint Peter Church's faith formation program. While catechism originates in the home, our priests, teachers, and parish council are dedicated to providing the best religious education possible! Attached below are the necessary enrollment steps.

1. Applications and other forms will be delivered using the email we have on file. **We ask that you fill out the forms digitally and email them to both:**

faithformationspchigganum@gmail.com
stpeterhigganum@yahoo.com.

2. Payments of fees can be made either by check or by using our on-line giving system (found on our [website](#)). If you have questions about paying via on-line, call the church office at (860)345-8018.

3. **This year's faith formation registration deadline is August 3rd, 2025.** We need time to order the materials, get them into the facility, sort them and put them in the classrooms.

4. **We require baptismal paperwork and history from ALL families for documentation this year.** This consists of the parish's name, date, and the certificate.

(We understand some of our students have sports/school commitments in the fall. **If your child will be attending any portion of the faith formation year, their registration is still needed by this date in order to have the proper materials for them.** Forms pertaining to the 3rd grade Communion and the 9th & 10th grade Confirmation classes are attached.)

Absentee/Make-Up Class Policy:

ALL students are allowed to have **three excused absences** during the faith formation school year. However, with only 18 classes (excluding the coffee hour and No-Go Tell classes), absences **beyond three for ANY reason must be made up before the following school year.**

To do so, parents can contact either priest throughout the year to arrange make-up sessions, or wait to partake in summer make-up courses. **Each missed class equals one hour.**

Parts of the program such as mandatory service hours will be determined in the near future. We will let you know of these developments as they happen.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the church office by calling (860)345-8018 or by emailing faithformationspchigganum@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Rev. Joseph F. De Costa
Pastor

Chase Mack & Chloe Brzoska
Coordinators of Religious Education

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Faith Formation Calendar 2025-2026

Date	Special Notes
July 20th, 2025	OPEN HOUSE! - bring registration paperwork/baptismal certificates and receive your class Bibles!
October 5th, 2025	<i>Coffee/snack hour for parents and students!</i>
October 12th, 2025	NO CLASS - Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day
October 19th, 2025	<i>No-Go-Tell Program & Orientation - MANDATORY by Diocese (Make up to be early Nov.)</i>
October 26th, 2025	
November 2nd, 2025	
November 9th, 2025	
November 16th, 2025	
November 23rd, 2025	
November 30th, 2025	NO CLASS - Thanksgiving Weekend
December 7th, 2025	
December 14th, 2025	
December 21st, 2025	
December 28th, 2025	NO CLASS - Christmas/New Years Break
January 4th, 2026	NO CLASS - Christmas/New Years Break
January 11th, 2026	
January 18th, 2026	NO CLASS - MLK Jr. Day
January 25th, 2026	
February 1st, 2026	
February 8th, 2026	
February 15th, 2026	NO CLASS - President's Day
February 22nd, 2026	
March 1st, 2026	
March 8th, 2026	
March 15th, 2026	
March 22nd, 2026	
March 29th, 2026	LAST DAY OF CLASSES - Palm Sunday
April 5th, 2026	NO CLASS - Easter Sunday

Sacraments

10th Grade	3rd Grade
Confirmation: TBD	1st Reconciliation: Saturday, January 31st, 2026 1st Communion: Saturday, April 18th, 2026

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Dear **Third Grade** Faith Formation Students and Families,

Preparation for the sacraments of **First Reconciliation and Holy Communion** is a formative time in the fostering of a student's faith. To assist us in ensuring that your children are prepared to receive the sacraments, we list below some responsibilities and requirements.

Student Responsibilities:

- Students **CANNOT** miss more than three classes in a sacramental year. We offer make-up courses to assist parents by email basis.
- Reading your weekly picture bible homework requirement and preparing to discuss it in class.
- Memorizing and understanding your prayers (e.g., Our Father, Glory Be, Hail Mary, and Act of Contrition)

Parent / Guardian Responsibilities:

- **Obtaining your child's baptismal certificate.** If your child was baptized at Saint Peter, request this information from our parish office.
 - To receive these sacraments, your children **MUST** be baptized and a copy of the baptismal certificate must be attached to the faith formation enrollment form.

Faith Formation Program Responsibilities:

- To provide the necessary learning materials (e.g., textbook & picture bible) and support to help each child understand the Catholic faith and their upcoming sacraments.

God Bless,

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Dear 9th & 10th Grade Confirmation Students and Families,

Preparation for the sacraments of Confirmation is a formative time in the fostering of a student's faith. To assist us in ensuring that your children are prepared to receive the sacraments, we list below some responsibilities and requirements.

Please know that the educational program to receive the sacrament of Confirmation is a two-year process as directed by the Diocese of Norwich. The preparation commences in 9th grade and continues in the 10th.

9th & 10th Grade Student Responsibilities:

- **To attend faith formation classes and do the required work,**
- Participate in your classes, asking questions and interacting when appropriate.
- Participate in any retreats provided by the parish for your benefit.
- Complete any service hours or attendance guidelines as required by the diocese.

Parent / Guardian Responsibilities:

- **Obtaining your child's baptismal certificate.** If your child was baptized at Saint Peter, request this information from our parish office.
 - To receive this sacrament, your children MUST have received the prerequisite sacraments. If needed, please communicate with parish pastors.
- Weekly mass attendance is **mandatory** - a sign-up sheet will be placed in the hall.

Faith Formation Program Responsibilities:

- To provide necessary learning materials and support to help each young adult understand the teachings of the Catholic faith and this sacrament.
- To arrange with the schedule of the Bishop of Norwich an appropriate date and time for the conferring of the sacrament of Confirmation.

God Bless,

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Registration Form 2025-2026

Name of Student (Last, First): _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Male: ____ Female: ____ School Grade Entering 9/2025:

Street Address: _____ Town: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Cell): _____ Email: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Step Parents: _____ Child primarily lives with _____

Siblings Names and Dates of Birth: _____

Registered Members of Saint Peter Church? Yes: ____ No: ____

Emergency Phone Numbers: Name / Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Did your child attend religious education classes last year? Yes: ____ No: ____

Grade Completed and Where: _____

Sacraments Received: MUST BE COMPLETED

If not Saint Peter Church, Higganum, please be sure to include the names, towns, and state where sacraments were received. Copy of church baptismal certificate must be attached if not from St. Peter Church.

Baptism: Yes: ____ No: ____ Church, City, State & Year Sacrament Received:

Reconciliation: Yes: ____ No: ____ Church, City, State & Year Sacrament Received:

First Communion: Yes: ____ No: ____ Church, City, State & Year Sacrament Received:

Medical Information: If your child has any medical conditions, allergies, or learning disabilities, please fill out the information below. Please note that all information will be kept confidential.

Medical Condition or Allergies: Yes: ____ No: ____ If yes, please explain:

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Other information you feel the program coordinator or catechists should know:

Volunteers are always welcome and are encouraged to participate. Please check areas which are of interest to you.

Catechist: _____ Assistant: _____ Special Events: _____

Set Up / Clean Up (Events): _____ Baking (Events): _____

Tuition Fee Schedule:

1 student = \$100

2 students = \$125

3 students or more = \$150

Grade 3: First Reconciliation and First Communion Year – add \$25 per student to the fee (\$125.00)

Grade 9: Confirmation Class – add \$25 per student to the fee for retreats, etc. (\$140.00) The Grade 9 Confirmation class must be completed in order to be eligible to attend the Grade 10 Confirmation class.

Grade 10: The fee will only be \$50 per student.

Please email this completed registration form to the emails listed on the first page along with a check payable to Saint Peter Church: Saint Peter Church, PO Box 707, Higganum, CT 06441.

The Faith Formation fee may be paid by check submitted with the registration form(s) or through the on-line giving system. A link to this system may be found on our website stpeterhigganum.com. You may already be signed up for on-line giving for your church offertory. You may use your account, making a one-time donation to the “religious education registration” fund. If you have any questions concerning on-line giving, please call the church office, (860) 345-8018