



BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH  
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Dear Parents,

The 2019-2020 Religious Education program will begin on **September 15<sup>th</sup>**. It is expected that any child that does not attend a Catholic private school should attend a Religious Ed program. As parents, you and I know that every year is an important stepping stone in your child's Faith Journey, not just the sacramental years. **All classes will be meeting in the Middle School Building on Westfield Rd.** This year we have added a Pre 4 class for any students ages 4-5 attending preschool.

Our Confirmation program is a 3 year program. It is expected that students attend all 3 years. Confirmation 1 (Creed/Liturgy) is for students entering the 9th grade. Confirmation 2 (Morality) is for students entering 10th grade. Confirmation 3 is for all students entering the 11th or 12th grade including those who attend St. Mary's or Pope Francis.

**Our Elementary Program (Grades Pre 4 - 6)** will be meeting **Monday afternoons from 4:00pm - 5:00pm**. Students will enter the building on the Church parking lot side door (Door opens at 3:50pm) and will be released by way of the door on Westfield Rd.

**Our Jr. High & Confirmation Program (Grades 7 -11/12)** will be attending classes **twice a month on Sunday evenings from 6:30pm - 8:00pm unless noted on enclosed schedule**.

Enclosed you will find registration forms, our discipline policy, and schedules. If your child has attended our program before, please review the information on their form, make changes to any incorrect information, and complete and sign the bottom portion. If you have a student new to our program, you must complete, sign, and date the registration form. Completed and signed forms, along with **payment fees (\$30.00 for 1 student, \$50 for 2, \$65 for 3 or more)** can be dropped off or mailed to: Blessed Sacrament Parish Religious Education Office, 1945 Northampton St. Holyoke, MA 01040 or placed in the collection basket at Mass. Please note, all students making their Confirmation this year have an additional \$20 retreat fee to be paid at the time of registration. **We ask you to send all completed forms, along with payment before the classes begin on Sept. 15, 2019.**

To make sure our student files are complete, we are asking for parents to provide a copy of your child Baptismal and/or First Communion certificate if you have not already done so. Please have those records sent to me as soon as possible. If your child was baptized and/or received their First Communion at Blessed Sacrament or Holy Family, I already have their records.

All Religious Education forms, policies, and schedules can also be found online. Please visit us at [www.blessedsacramentholyoke.org](http://www.blessedsacramentholyoke.org), click on the **Parish** homepage, and then on the **Religious Education** link.

Our program has embraced technology and has almost completely paperless in notifications sent home including monthly newsletters. Please make sure we have your correct email address.

Please, LIKE and follow us on Facebook for up-to-date information and class cancellations: [bspholyokema](https://www.facebook.com/bspholyokema).

If you know of any families that would like to enroll their children in Religious Education classes at Blessed Sacrament please have them contact me at the rectory at (413)532-0713 (Ext.118) or at [blsacdre@comcast.net](mailto:blsacdre@comcast.net).

You are the most important and primary teachers in your child's faith development and we hope that we can continue to work cooperatively to reinforce the lessons and values that you have taught at home. We look forward to helping your child/children grow in the knowledge and love of Christ and His Church.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kelly O'Connor

Director of Religious Education