

St Patrick Catholic Church

4518 S. Manhattan Avenue, Tampa, FL

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Faith Formation 2025-2026-Registration Packet

Dear St. Patrick Families,

Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation class sessions. Our goal is to continue to provide a family-friendly program for parents and children learning and serving together.

We know research affirms parental guidance and example are the most important influences by far on their children's faith. The best chance of building a life-long faith in children comes from active, involved and believing parents.

Our faith formation sessions are designed to support what parents begin at home by teaching their children about our Catholic faith. Our catechists use developmentally appropriate materials and resources designed to help children learn, understand, grow and mature in their faith. The teaching materials we use are approved for use in Catholic Faith Formation programs in our Diocese.

Our Faith Formation sessions are for those in the following ages:

- **Kindergarten-8th grade**
- **Preparation for the sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion**
- **Preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation**
- **Preparation for those outside the customary age for sacrament**

It is expected that children attend Faith Formation sessions on a regular basis every year from kindergarten through High School. Every child deserves to grow up rooted in the rich tradition of our faith. Enrolling children in faith formation sessions every year helps to build a strong foundation of understanding, knowledge and love of our faith that helps each child grow into a faith-filled adult.

"Catechesis aims to bring about in the believer an ever more mature faith in Jesus Christ, a deeper knowledge and love of his person and message, and a firm commitment to follow him. The object of catechesis is communion with Jesus Christ. Catechesis leads people to enter the mystery of Christ, to encounter him, and to discover themselves and the meaning of their lives in him."

The National Directory for Catechists, article 19

How to Register

- Parents or guardians must fill out a new registration form to enroll their children **every year**. Forms may be found on our parish website, www.stpatricktampa.org, in the church and in the Parish Office.
- Completed forms may be returned by email to Angy Hayes at faithformation@stpatricktampa.org or sent via U.S. mail to the attention of Angy Hayes 4518 S. Manhattan Ave. Tampa FL 33611

The following documents must be completed and returned with the registration form for children to participate in the St. Patrick faith formation sessions.

- A copy of a child's Baptismal Certificate must be provided for children enrolling for the first time, and for all children preparing for the reception of Holy Communion or Confirmation
- A copy of the child's First Communion Certificate for all candidates preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation.
- Completed Registration Form which includes a contact information form and a student medical release form
- In case of divorce and custody agreement- a copy of the most current declaration page from the divorce decree.
- Payment of registration fee/or payment arrangement-see registration fees on the Registration Form. No child will be turned away from enrolling due to inability to pay registration fee. Anyone needing assistance should contact the Director of Faith Formation-Angy Hayes, at faithformation@stpatricktampa.org or call (813) 839-5337 ext. 131.

First Holy Communion-customary age 2nd grade

Confirmation- customary age 8th grade

St Patrick Catholic Church in Tampa supports the Sacramental Preparation policies of the Diocese of St. Petersburg. **One year of attending faith formation sessions in a parish program or a Catholic school is required before a child begins a second year of preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.**

Sacramental preparation classes require an interview prior to finalizing enrollment and class placement.

As we prepare students for reception of the sacraments, we want to emphasize the importance of regular attendance and active participation in Faith Formation classes, and any additional activities required for their preparation.

For parents with children who wish to receive sacraments but are outside of the customary age and progression for preparing to receive them, we ask that you contact the Faith Formation Director, Angy Hayes, at faithformation@stpatricktampa.org or call (813) 839-5337 ext. 131.

When do Faith Formation Sessions Meet?

- Classroom sessions for kindergarten-grade 8 meet on Sunday mornings from 9:00am-9:50am in the school building
- Sacramental Preparation for children outside customary age and progression- grades 5-8- Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:15 pm in the school building

New Schedule for Confirmation Preparation-Note the following dates and times:

- September-December 2025- Sunday Mornings 9:00-9:50 am in the school building
- January 2026- Classes will move to Monday evenings beginning 1/26/2026 from 7:00-8:15pm

Please mark your calendars and have students plan to attend all sessions and a retreat day- (date and time to be determined)- as part of their sacramental preparation.

There will be a welcome gathering with parents and students on the first day of classes-Sunday 9/14/2025 at 9:00 am in the Social Hall. We will review the school calendar, and our drop-off and pick-up procedure, and answer any questions you may have.

If you need assistance with the registration process, please contact faith formation staff.

Director of Faith Formation

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St Patrick's Catholic Church Faith Formation Registration Form 2025-2026

Please print legibly.

Registered at St Patrick? ☐ Yes ☐ No Name of church where registered: _____
Mothers full name *including maiden name*: _____
Mothers cell phone: _____ Mothers email: _____
Fathers full name: _____
Fathers cell phone: _____ Fathers email: _____
Parents marital status: ☐ single ☐ married ☐ divorced Children live with: ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Both
Address: _____ City _____ State _____ zip code _____
Primary contact: ☐ Mother ☐ Father
Other: (Full name) _____ relationship to child: _____
Cell phone: _____ Email: _____
Other adult that may pick up my child(ren): _____
Relationship: _____ cell phone: _____
Emergency Contact if parent/guardian unavailable- Name _____ Phone# _____

Registration Requirements

St. Patrick Catholic Church Tampa supports the Sacramental Preparation policies of the Diocese of St. Petersburg. To receive any sacrament a child must be enrolled and attend one full year of faith formation in a parish or Catholic school before receiving their sacraments after the second year of attendance.

The following documents must be completed and returned with the registration form to complete the registration process.

- First Reconciliation/First Communion: Baptismal Certificate
- Confirmation: Baptismal certificate and First Communion Certificate
- In case of divorce and custody agreement: A copy of the most current declaration page from the divorce decree
- Payment of registration fee or payment arrangement (Calculate total payment below)

Grades Kindergarten-8th

For those seeking First Communion (2nd grade or older):

For those seeking Confirmation (8th grade or older):

For those seeking Sacraments outside the customary age

\$65.00 x _____ = _____

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- Registration fees may be paid online, via the parish web site www.stpatricktampa.org. Click the Faith Formation tab. Select "Faith Formation K-8" and click the link "click here to pay through online giving" Make sure to set the payment to "one time" instead of recurring and enter the total amount due and under the fund dropdown menu choose "religious education."
- Payment by check may be made payable to St. Patrick Catholic Church.
- Completed forms may be emailed to Director of Faith Formation or sent via the U.S. mail, 4518 S. Manhattan Ave, Tampa, FL, 33611

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Office Use Only

Total Fees Due _____ Paid On line: _____ Check # _____ Balance Due: _____

Notes: _____

Acknowledgements for Registration and Waiver of Liability. Parent or Guardian must initial each item below.

- ___ 1. By submitting your email address to St. Patrick Catholic Church, you have opted in to receive up to date Parish and Faith Formation communications through St. Patrick's email and other communication systems.
- ___ 2. Middle and High School Youth who are being registered, by providing this information and signing this form, permission is given for staff and volunteers to communicate directly with your youth through parish and other social networks.
- ___ 3. For all children, images of children may be used on parish electronic and printed media.
- ___ 4. I acknowledge I have been informed about the Safe Environment Program for the protection of my child(ren) and have received a copy of the information.
- ___ 5. Waiver of Liability: I hereby request and give my permission for my child to participate in Faith Formation and/or Youth Ministry. I understand and assume the risks inherent in these events, but also understand that all reasonable care and supervision will be exercised to provide for the general well-being of my child(ren). I, individually, and on behalf of my child(ren) named in this document, do hereby release, covenant not to sue, and save harmless:
The Bishop of St. Petersburg, St. Patrick Catholic Church, and their employees, agents and volunteers, from any and all claims for any and all harm arising to my child as a result of their participation in these programs.
- ___ 6. As the primary catechist for my child, I accept my responsibility to take my child(ren) to Mass every Sunday, teach at home, attend any periodic Faith Formation sessions, and helping in whatever capacity I can. I accept my responsibility for my child's attendance and behavior.

Child 1 Full name: _____ Male__ Female__

Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Cell phone: _____ email: _____

Sacramental History

Baptism __ Yes __ No Name of Church: _____

Location (city and state) _____ Date _____

First Communion __ Yes __ No Name of Church: _____

Location (city and state) _____ Date _____

Confirmation __ Yes __ No Name of Church _____

Location (city and state) _____ Date _____

Please indicate any sacrament(s) you are seeking this year:

__ Baptism __ First Communion (2nd grade or later) __ Confirmation (8th grade or later)

In case of emergency and we cannot reach child's parents or primary contact, please list medical conditions, allergies, and medications taken by this child to provide to emergency personnel.

Medical condition(s): _____

Allergies: _____

Medication(s): _____

Child 2 Full name: _____ Male__ Female__

Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Cell phone: _____ email: _____

Sacramental History

Baptism __ Yes __ No Name of Church: _____

Location (city and state) _____ Date _____

First Communion __ Yes __ No Name of Church: _____

Location (city and state) _____ Date _____

Confirmation __ Yes __ No Name of Church _____

Location (city and state) _____ Date _____

Please indicate any sacrament(s) you are seeking this year:

__ Baptism __ First Communion (2nd grade or later) __ Confirmation (8th grade or later)

In case of emergency and we cannot reach child's parents or primary contact, please list medical conditions, allergies, and medications taken by this child to provide to emergency personnel.

Emergency Contact if parent/guardian not available _____

Medical condition(s): _____

Allergies: _____

Medication(s): _____

Child 3 Full name: _____ Male__ Female__

Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Cell phone: _____ email: _____

Sacramental History

Baptism __Yes __No Name of Church: _____

Location (city and state) _____ Date _____

First Communion __Yes __No Name of Church: _____

Location (city and state) _____ Date _____

Confirmation __Yes __No Name of Church _____

Location (city and state) _____ Date _____

Please indicate any sacrament(s) you are seeking this year:

__ Baptism __ First Communion (2nd grade or later) __ Confirmation (8th grade or later)

In case of emergency and we cannot reach child's parents or primary contact, please list medical conditions, allergies, and medications taken by this child to provide to emergency personnel.

Medical condition(s): _____

Allergies: _____

Medication(s): _____

Child 4 Full name: _____ Male__ Female__

Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Cell phone: _____ email: _____

Sacramental History

Baptism __Yes __No Name of Church: _____

Location (city and state) _____ Date _____

First Communion __Yes __No Name of Church: _____

Location (city and state) _____ Date _____

Confirmation __Yes __No Name of Church _____

Location (city and state) _____ Date _____

Please indicate any sacrament(s) you are seeking this year:

__ Baptism __ First Communion (2nd grade or later) __ Confirmation (8th grade or later)

In case of emergency and we cannot reach child's parents or primary contact, please list medical information we can provide to emergency personnel.

Medical condition(s): _____

Allergies: _____

Medication(s): _____

K-5 Faith Formation Calendar 2025-2026

K-8 Faith formation classes take place on Sundays from 9:00am-9:45am in the St Thomas Academy building. Parents/Guardians must accompany children to and from class and sign in/out with their teacher each week.

Catechist Retreat- August 23rd 1:00pm-4:00 in Conference Room, and attend Mass at 4:00

September

- 1 *Labor Day*
- 7 **Catechist meeting-9:00am**
- 14 **First Week of Classes-Catechetical Sunday--- Welcome meeting-parents and students in Social Hall, 9:00am**
- 21 Class in session
- 28 Class in session

October

- 5 Class in session
- 12 Class in session
- 19 Class in session
- 26 Class in session

November

- 1 *Happy All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)*
- 2 Class in session
- 9 Class in session-**Parent Meeting for FHC students 9:00am**
- 16 Class in session
- 23 *No Class – Thanksgiving break*
- 27 *Happy Thanksgiving*
- 30 *No Class-Thanksgiving Break*

December

- 7 Class in session - *First Sunday of Advent*
- 8 *Happy Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)*
- 14 Class in session-**Second Sunday in Advent-Christmas Celebration- Social Hall**
- 21 *No Class - Winter Break*
- 25 *Merry Christmas!*
- 28 *No Class - Winter Break*

January

- 1 *Happy Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God!*
- 4 *No Class-Winter break*
- 11 Class in session
- 18 *No Class - Observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day*
- 25 Class in session

February

- 1 Class in session
- 8 Class in session
- 15 *No Class-Observance of Presidents' Day*

- 18 *Ash Wednesday – Beginning of Lent (time to get your ashes)*
22 Class in session

March

- 1 Class in session
8 Class in session
15 *No Class - HCPS Spring Break*
22 *No Class - HCPS Spring Break*
29 Class in session

April

- 5 *Happy Easter – No class*
12 Class in session
19 Class in session
26 Class in session- *First Holy Communion 10:00 am Mass- Reception after Mass- Social Hall*

May

- 3 Last Day of Classes - *May Crowning-All attend 10:00 am Mass*

Sacramental Preparation Dates

First Reconciliation Interviews: Wednesday January 21st and Thursday January 22nd 6:00-7:30pm

First Reconciliation: Saturday February 7th 10:00am

First Communion Retreat: Saturday March 7 1:00-4:00 Social Hall

First Holy Communion Interviews: Wednesday March 11 and Thursday March 12 6:00-7:30pm

First Communion: Sunday April 26 10:00am- Reception after Mass- Social Hall

May Crowning: Sunday May 3 10:00am Mass

Dates for Confirmation Preparation Class: Mondays January 26th-April 20th 7:00-8:15pm

Confirmation **Parent Meeting: Monday January 26-parents and students 7:00-8:15pm**

Confirmation Interviews: Monday April 13th 7:00-8:15pm

Confirmation Retreat: **Date and Time TBD**

Confirmation Rehearsal: **Date and Time TBD**

Confirmation: **Date and Time TBD**

St. Patrick Catholic Church
Faith Formation Classroom Assignments
2025-2026

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
K-1	23
2 nd	22
3 rd -4 th	20
5 th	27
6 th -7 th	26
8 th	25