



**ST MARY MAGDALEN CHURCH**  
**OAKVILLE, CONNECTICUT**  
***FAITH—WORSHIP—SERVICE***

June 23, 2019

Dear Parents or Guardians,

Welcome to a new year of Religious Education at St. Mary Magdalen Church. Enclosed is the registration form and class schedule for the 2019-2020 school year. Please complete the enclosed registration form and return it with your payment to the rectory or place it in the collection basket at Mass (in an envelope that is clearly marked “religious ed”). **All registrations are due on or before Friday, August 2, 2019.**

The Religious Education class schedule is on the reverse side of this letter. Students in Grade 1 through Grade 8 will attend 2 classes per month for 1.5 hours each class. Grade 3 First Reconciliation and First Communion students will be required to attend some additional classes as detailed on the schedule. Grade 9 and Grade 10 Confirmation students will meet on Sunday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (including 10:30 a.m. Mass) once each month. Confirmation students will also be required to attend additional workshops outside of the regular class schedule.

It is our hope that you will find this schedule helpful in planning your social activities or family events. Since the number of Religious Education classes is minimal compared to the number of hours our children spend in sports, dance or other similar activities, we respectfully ask you to make the times scheduled for Religious Education a priority in your student(s) activities. We ask that your student(s) miss no more than 3 classes (**except for students in Grades 3, 9, and 10 where we expect perfect attendance!**) Of course, illness or important family commitments are always understood.

The goal of the Religious Education program at St. Mary Magdalen Church is to provide a foundation of the fundamentals of the Catholic faith for all our students, as well as, to promote faith practices in daily family life. We encourage our parents to pray together as a family for your daily need, to thank God for the gift of His love and care, and to celebrate the sacramental life of our Catholic faith. It is a privilege to serve as your student(s) primary catechist and to assist you in their faith formation.

As always, if you have a question or concern, please call the Religious Education Office at 860-274-1955 or by our new email address at [stmmreligioused@aol.com](mailto:stmmreligioused@aol.com).

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Religious Education Team Leader

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**2019-2020 Calendar for Grades 1-10**

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**Grade 1 – Grade 8**

Classes for grades 1 through 8 will be held on Wednesdays according to the schedule below.

Grade 1- Grade 6 classes will meet from 3:45 p.m.–5:15 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalen School.

Grade 7 & Grade 8 classes will meet from 5:45 p.m.-7:15 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalen School.

**Orientation meeting for 1 parent of each student in Grade 1 through Grade 4 will be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.**

**Orientation meeting for 1 parent of each student in Grade 5 through Grade 8 will be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.**

September 18

October 9 & October 23

November 6 & November 20

December 4 & December 18

January 8 & January 22

February 5 & February 19

March 4 & March 25

April 8 & April 22

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**Grade 3 Reconciliation and First Communion**

**Parent Sacramental Meeting – Monday, October 21, 2019, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the Church**  
**First Reconciliation – Wednesday January 29, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church (snow date 2/12)**

**Celebration Mass of First Holy Communion:** Saturday, May 9, 2020 (SMMS students) 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 9, 2020 (Rel. Ed. students) 11:30 a.m.

Dates for the First Communion retreat, the Tour of the Church, and First Communion Mass rehearsals will be announced in January, 2020.

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**Grade 9**

Grade 9 Confirmation I will meet on Sundays 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (including 10:30 a.m. Mass)

Orientation for student and 1 parent - Monday, October 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

**Class Dates**

October 20    November 10    December 8    January 12    February 16    March 15    April 5

Workshop date will be communicated in January, 2020.

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**Grade 10**

Grade 10 Confirmation II will meet on Sundays 8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. (including 10:30 a.m. Mass)

Orientation for student and 1 parent - Monday, October 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

**Class Dates**

September 29    October 27    November 17    December 15    January 26    February 23    March 22

All dates for the Retreat, Reconciliation Service, Confirmation Interview, and the Sacrament Mass of Confirmation will be communicated in January, 2020.

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**Snow cancellations will be announced on Channel 3 WFSB. If the Town of Watertown closes school due to inclement weather, Religious Education classes will be automatically cancelled for that day.**