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Dear 10th Grade Parents,

We are pleased to present to you the 10th grade Youth Ministry Confirmation program. This year we have made some changes. Please find an outline for the upcoming year. Youth who attend a Catholic school must attend 3 sessions in the understanding they receive Theology classes at school. Youth who attend public or non-Catholic schools must attend a total of 7 sessions. The 4 catechesis sessions per year will be over a two-year cycle and will include youth from 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades.

We encourage our youth to attend the Antioch Retreat, which is an inspiring time for young people to pray, bond and be with other youth of our parish. The Antioch Retreat will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup>. The Antioch Retreat, however, is not mandatory. Any 10th grader who prefers not to do Antioch will take part in a mandatory 10th grade retreat presentation on February 28, 2026, from 12:30–3:30pm. More information to follow.

Appalachia will continue to be offered as a wonderful outreach to those living in poverty in West Virginia. Going forward we will encourage our youth to give time in outreach to the lonely, vulnerable and those in need. The catechetical sessions will all begin in the gym at 3:30 check-in and the presentation begins promptly at 3:45pm. The session will conclude with 5pm mass in the church. Please mark these dates in your calendar.

To register your teen for the Sophomore Year program, visit **svmnj.org/ym-sophomore** or simply scan the QR code provided.

God Bless,

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## 10th Grade Youth Catechesis Schedule 2025 - 26

## Sunday, October 5<sup>h</sup>, 2025 | Parent/Teen Orientation

Check-in at 3:30pm in the Gym
Presentation begins at 3:45pm
Concludes with 5:00pm Mass in the Church with
a Parent / Teen prayer experience

## Sunday, November 2, 2025 | First Catechesis Session - All 10th Grade Students

(Catholic school, public school, and non-Catholic private school)
Check-in at 3:30pm in the Gym
Concludes with 5:00pm Mass in the Church

## Catechesis Sessions - Public School & Non-Catholic Private School Students

Sunday, January 11, 2026
Sunday, January 25, 2026
Sunday, March 8, 2026
Sunday, April 19, 2026
Each session:
Check-in at 3:30pm in the Gym
Session begins at 3:45pm
Concludes with 5:00pm Mass in the Church

Sunday, May 3, 2026 | Final Session – All 10th Grade Students (Catholic, public, and non-Catholic private schools)

