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Dear 9<sup>th</sup> grade parents,

We are pleased to present to you the 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

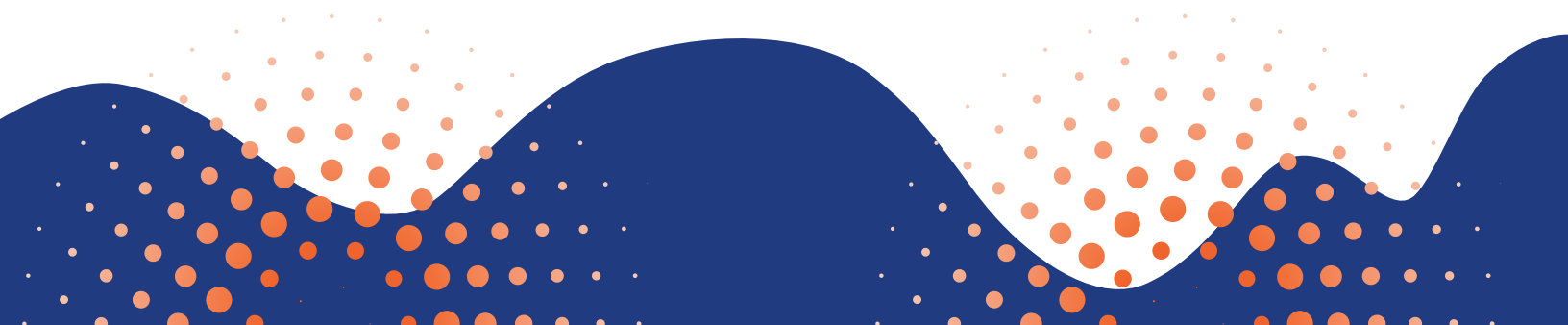
We encourage our youth to attend the Alpha Retreat, which is an inspiring time for youth to pray, bond and be with other youth of our parish. The Alpha Retreat will take place on November 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Alpha Retreat, however, is not mandatory. Any 9<sup>th</sup> grader who prefers not to do Alpha will take part in a mandatory 9<sup>th</sup> grade retreat presentation on February 7, 2026 from 12:30-3:30pm. More information to follow.

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 3:30pm for check-in and the presentation begins promptly at 3:45pm. The session will conclude with 5pm mass in the church. Please mark the following dates in your calendar.

To register your teen for the Freshman Year program, visit [svmnj.org/ym-freshman](http://svmnj.org/ym-freshman) or simply scan the QR code provided.

God Bless,

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## **9th Grade Youth Catechesis Schedule 2025 - 26**

### **Sunday, September 28, 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, October 26, 2025 | First Catechesis Session – All 9th Grade Students**

(Catholic school, public school, and non-Catholic private school)

Check-in at 3:30pm in the Gym  
Session begins at 3:45pm  
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, April 26, 2026 | Final Session – All 9th Grade Students**

(Catholic, public, and non-Catholic private schools)

