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St. John, Guardian of Our Lady Parish
at St. John the Evangelist Church - 80 Union St, Clinton, MA 01510

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your family's participation in our parish's Religious Education program. All of us who serve at St. John appreciate your trust and the opportunity to share the Catholic Faith with your children. We always value your input as we strive for excellence.

Classes for the 2025-2026 Religious Education year will begin on September 7 and end by April 19. Please register at your earliest convenience to secure your schedule and to improve our planning for your children's classes. You may register online at <https://www.stjohnsclinton.org/ccd> or in person during the week.

Again this year, all classes will meet on Sunday mornings in either of two sessions with the exception of the **PK/K** class. The schedule is structured so that the children will go to Mass after class ends. Everyone should do so. At Mass, students may sit with their teacher and classmates or with their family according to your preference. Students through Grade 5 will remain in their pews until picked up by you. In addition to the grace of the Sacraments, classes on Sundays have the benefits of more time for families on Saturday and reduced conflicts with other family activities. It is a wonderful way to begin the Lord's Day.

PK/K will meet from 9:00-10:15am in Room 4. Parents should drop off and pick up their children there.

The first session, **Grades 1-5**, will begin at 8:15am and continue until the conclusion of the 9am Mass at approximately 9:50am.

The second session, **Grades 6-10**, will begin at 9:15am and continue through the end of the 10:30am Mass at approximately 11:30am.

The materials for the Sacrament programs for children and teens in **Grades 2, 9, and 10** include weekly videos to be watched at home. Doing so allows everyone in those grades to meet on alternating weeks, cutting in half the large class sizes and the number of classes for those years. The total of 28 weeks, 14 for Grades 2, 9, and 10, allows students to complete their curriculum.

Students who miss any classes will be responsible to complete their assignments. Please inform us if your child will be absent.

We look forward to gathering parents and teachers during the summer to discuss next year. Any such meeting will be offered more than once to try to accommodate your family's needs. Please feel welcome to contact the Parish at stjohnclintonma@gmail.com or 978-368-0366.

God bless you and your family.