**ST. DOMINIC & ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISHES**

**FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM--GRADES 1-4**

***IMPORTANT INFORMATION...***

Dear Parents,

We invite you to join us through your support and prayers as we begin our Faith Formation Program this year!

**OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE:**

***FAITH FORMATION PRORGRAM CALENDAR!***

Please be sure you have a copy of the calendar & note the dates of your child’s classes. This is especially important when there is a holiday weekend.

Parents have a special role in encouraging and nurturing their children’s faith by seeing that their child attends classes *each week* and goes to Mass, so as to deepen their understanding of this faith. The success of our program depends solely on our working together -- parents, catechists, and parish staff, in understanding the importance of making the message of Jesus an active part of our lives and bringing this message through word and example to others.

To better assist you this year, we offer you the following information. If you have any questions, problems, or comments, please feel free to contact Barbara Domingue.

**Phone Number for the Faith Formation Program: #**508-675-70206 – Parish Rectory

**Email:** **stdominic1277@gmail.com** **(to reach Barbara Domingue directly)**

**Class Cancellation Policy:**

Please note the **No Class** dates on the calendar. Please take special note of the Family Liturgies, which are offered just about every month. **All** students are expected to attend these liturgies as part of their class requirements. Because the liturgies count as class time, it is extremely important for children and their families to attend them. Teachers will not accompany students to these liturgies, so parents are expected to be with their child. Our Family Liturgies will be at 9:30am.

In the case of severe weather, teachers will be asked to notify their students of class cancellation. You will also find cancellation information on our website: [www.stdominicswansea.org](http://www.stdominicswansea.org) and our local TV channels. We are part of the RI Broadcasters network for announcements. So, also turn to your local TV channel for cancellation information.

**Attendance:**

You will notice that with our class schedule, the students attend classes for a longer period of time, but there are fewer of them. Students who miss more than **4 classes** may not move on to the next grade level. Attendance is very important!

**Safety Protocols:**

While there is no longer a mask mandate, we will have children’s masks available should you wish for your child to wear one. Tables will be sanitized after each class. If your child is not feeling well, please do not send them to class.

**Dropping off & Picking up Students:**

At the end of class, please be sure to meet your child at the front steps of the center for students in Grade 1 & 3, or the side ramp of the center for students in

Grades 2 & 4.

***Please do not wave for your child to run out to your car!!!***

If someone other than yourself is going to pick up your child on any given Sunday, please let us know in advance in writing or by email. In your note, please include the name of the person picking up your child and that person’s relationship to your child. We will release students in Grades 1-4 at **12noon.**

Thank you for your continued support -- we look forward to a wonderful year together!

Wishing God’s best for you,

Barbara Domingue

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