

FAITH FORMATION NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2026

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PARISH WIDE UPDATES:

Mass Schedules:

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD -

December 31st, 4:00 P.M. & January 1st, 8:30 A.M.

Holy Day of Obligation - “the faithful are obliged to participate at Mass and abstain from unnecessary work or other activities which hinder the suitable relaxation of mind and body.” - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



“We close out the Christmas octave—the eight days following the birth of Christ—with a day honoring Mary as the Mother of God. Take time to read about the [Mother of God](#) today.” - USCCB

Urgent Request

We are looking for a catechist to take over half of our Monday Grade 5 group. We have had someone doing it for the last couple of months with the understanding that a more permanent catechist would be found.

Time commitment is Mondays 3:20-4:45, and I will provide an extra book or teacher's guide to review the curriculum. If interested, contact Emma Belske or Mary Federico. Thank you and

God bless you for considering!

FAITH FORMATION GRADES 1-6

FAITH FORMATION COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT!

RSVP HERE: <https://forms.gle/NakwcAzy3oQmsxXWA>

OLOA FAMILY FAITH FORMATION EVENT

**FAITH FORMATION STUDENTS IN
GRADES 1-6 AND THEIR FAMILIES
ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR AN
EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP AND
SERVICE.**



Jan. 24, 2026
4:30 PM - Mass
5:30 PM- Light
dinner in church hall
and community
service activities for
the entire family.

LEARN MORE AND
REGISTER HERE:



Our Lady of the Assumption Church
LITTLE LAMBS

Free program for children under age 8 and their families!



Music and Art: Meet up with fellow parishioners for a morning of music and art, followed by free play in our new Montessori-based children's room.

Dates: January 4, February 8, March 8

Outreach: Join us for a craft and games with residents at Coachman Square to give back to our community.

Dates: January 17, February 28, March 28

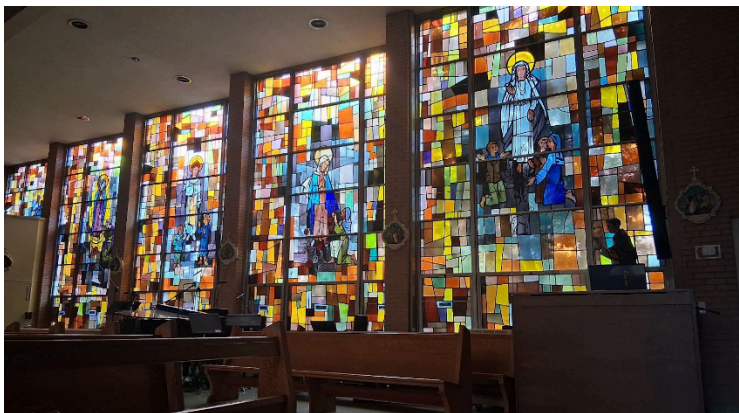
Scan the QR code for more information and to register!

GRADES 7-10

REMINDERS AND UPDATES:

If your child will be absent from class, please email Margo Smith oloafaithformation9and10@gmail.com

- Confirmation for 10th graders is scheduled for **Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Cathedral in Hartford
- All 10th graders are to attend the 9:30am Parish Mass on Sunday, April 26, 2026 to receive their Confirmation certificates and crucifixes
- Service opportunities are regularly posted outside of the Faith Formation office, and they are open to all 7th-10th graders.
- Please remember to submit your completed and signed Service Report Forms to Margo after you've completed service hours so she can give you credit! Copies of this form are available outside of the Faith Formation office.



CHOIR NOTES

Children's choir has started and all children are welcome Grades 1-6!
Rehearsals are Tuesdays 4:45-5:30 pm.
Adult choir is in session! All new members are welcome!

Please contact Keith Smolinski
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