ST. PATRICK CHURCH
FAMILY FORMATION
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2026-2027 REGISTRATION AND PARENT AGREEMENT

*Family Formation empowers parents to be the **first teachers** of faith to their children. We aim to help parents grow in their faith and relationship with God, and to equip them to share the Good News and the beauty of the Catholic Faith with their kids. Through weekly Home Lessons and monthly Family Formation Nights at church, Family Formation strives to build strong families: families rooted in faith, prayer, and in the joy and love of God.*

We want to stress that religious education classes are very important, but no class or lesson can take the place of the worship of God at Mass. The Holy Mass and the Eucharist are the source and summit of our faith. That is why it is absolutely necessary to go to Mass *every* Sunday and to bring your children. This is not just a suggestion, but a command of God: keep holy the Sabbath. God, who is a good Father, wants to renew and bless us every week with his grace, we must simply show up and allow him!

As you enroll for Family Formation, we invite you to renew your commitment to going to church *every* week and to praying and practicing the faith as a family. Outlined below are the additional expectations for parents of Family Formation. Please carefully read the agreement and sign to acknowledge your consent.

As parents raising our child(ren) in the Catholic faith, I commit to following the Precepts of the Catholic Church:

1. Attend Mass on all Sundays and holy days of obligation.
2. Fast and abstain on the days appointed by the Church.
3. Confess our sins at least once a year.
4. Receive Holy Communion during the Easter season.
5. Contribute to the support of the Church.

As parents of Family Formation, I commit to:

1. Spend 1 hour each week as a family doing the provided Home Lessons (for Kindergarten — 6th grade) or sacramental prep lessons (for First Reconciliation/First Communion, 1st and 2nd year Confirmation assignments)
2. Attend all Family Formation Nights (All parents with children Kindergarten — 6th grade & Confirmation Prep). The dates for these meetings are: Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 2, Apr. 6, Apr. 27
3. Turn in monthly Homework Assignments (for families Kindergarten — 6th grade)
4. Attend all Sacramental Meetings (only for those preparing for first confession/ first communion & confirmation)- see page 2 for a list of dates.

Signature of Parent/ Guardian Date

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IMPORTANT FAMILY FORMATION DATES

PARISH MEETINGS (all on Tuesdays from 6:30-8pm—all must attend)	**SACRAMENT MEETINGS (all on Sundays from 9:45-10:45am—only those preparing for sacraments need to attend)**	**OTHER IMPORTANT DATES**
Sep. 1 Oct. 6 Nov. 3 Dec. 1 Jan. 5 Feb. 2 - Candlemas Mar. 2 Apr. 6 Apr. 27	Sep. 20 Oct. 11 Nov. 8 Dec. 6 Jan. 10 Feb. 14 Mar. 7 Apr. 11 ---	**First Reconciliation:** Saturday January 16, 2027 4:30pm. **First Communion Retreat:** Saturday April 24, 2027 9am-noon **First Communion:** Sunday, May 2, 2027 - 11:00am Mass **Confirmation** Sunday, Fall *2028* -11:00am Mass (We will let you know an actual date when the archdiocese tells us.)

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FAMILY INFORMATION & QUESTIONNAIRE

Family Last Name		Address (incl. City & Zip)	
Father's Name		Mother's Name	
Father's Cell Phone		Mother's Cell Phone	
Father's Email		Mother's Email	

Are you registered at St. Patrick? ☐Yes ☐No Another parish? _____

If you have not already, would you like to register at St. Patrick? _____

A Mass is offered every week for the People of St. Patrick. That means you! You and your family are a part of our St. Patrick Parish family and we are lifting you up in prayer. Do you have any specific intentions? How can we pray for you?

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CHILD INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE: The Archdiocese of Philadelphia requires children to have at least 2 consecutive years of spiritual formation prior to receiving the sacraments in either a Catholic School or Religious Education Program. Below are general principles for determining the section in which your child will be enrolled. Each situation will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

- **If your child is in 2nd grade and has not had any previous formation in Catholic School or Religious Education,** he/she will be placed in the *1st grade* Family Formation class to receive a year of formation before he/she can be enrolled the following year in 2nd grade First Communion Preparation.
- **If your child is in 3rd-6th grade, has not received First Communion and has not had any previous formation in Catholic School or Religious Education Program**, your family must participate in Family Formation for a year prior to enrolling in First Communion Preparation.
- **NB:** If your child is preparing for sacraments, we will need a copy of their baptismal certificate with annotations (showing if they have received first communion).

If you have any questions regarding sacrament preparation please contact the Parish.

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Child Name (First and Last)	Sex	Date of Birth	Grade Fall of 2026	Name of School

Does child have any allergies, medical conditions, learning needs? Please describe in this space provided:

Sacraments Received (Check all that apply):	**Enrolling in Family Formation :**
☐Baptism ☐Reconciliation ☐First Communion	☐Kindergarten —6th Grade Formation (Specify Grade:_____) ☐First Reconciliation & Communion Preparation ☐Confirmation

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MEDICAL PERMISSION: Church of St. Patrick Family Formation Representatives may:

Call an ambulance if necessary: ☐ Yes ☐ No Administer First Aid: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:**_____

PERMISSION TO PUBLISH PHOTO & VIDEO: There is an additional form attached for this permission. Please also complete this form.

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ST. PATRICK FAMILY FORMATION TUITION INFORMATION 2026-2027

No family will be denied Faith Formation because of financial hardship.
If you are in need of a payment plan or financial assistance, contact the Parish.

Tuition Cost:

Family with 1 Child— $75
Family with 2 Children— $100

Means of Payment:

Please pay by either Check or Venmo. In the case of a check, please make it payable to "St. Patrick Church." The memo line should read "Family Formation." For Venmo, the payee is @saintpats.

Payment Deadline:

Please make the payment in full by September 12.

Further Questions or Comments:

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the parish office (215) 735-9900 or Fr. Bartholomew at: vicar@stpatrickphilly.org

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

Consent Form: Posting Pictures/Videos of Minors

Parish Organization: __St. Patrick Family Formation_____

Parish: _____St. Patrick, Philadelphia__ _____

In order to protect the privacy of youth, permission must also be obtained, in writing, from the parent or guardian before sharing/posting pictures or videos of minors. (Please check the one which applies.)

_____ I give my permission for my child's picture, with name, to be posted on a website or social network page associated with this parish organization.

_____ I give my permission for my child's picture, without name, to be posted on a website or social network page associated with this parish organization.

_____ I do not give permission for my child's picture to be posted on a website or social network page. .

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Name of Child

_____ _____
Name of Parent/Guardian - please print (Date)

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Signature of Parent/Guardian