



Dear Families,

The beginning of Autumn 2026 is just around the corner. This year we have some exciting changes and developments happening for Ministry at Holy Trinity Parish. We are looking forward to starting our new Montessori-based *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* program for age 3-5yrs, monthly *G.I.F.T.* program for families K-8, *Sacramental Prep.* retreats for 2nd & 3rd graders, Vacation Bible School, a new high school *Youth Group*, and *Discovering Christ* for adults. Please see the rest of this packet for more complete descriptions and information. Also included are the necessary registration forms for the upcoming year.

Registration Forms: Detailed schedule information and all necessary forms/handouts are available throughout the year on the parish website <http://catholic.church>. Please let us know if you have any questions. Our goal is to help everyone continue to foster a personal and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and to support each family's individual and specific needs.

Parents with Children preparing to receive Sacraments: There is a mandatory orientation meeting on September 15th, 6:00pm in Pope Francis Hall at St. Matthew in Plymouth. Please be sure to also mark your calendars with both the G.I.F.T. and Sacramental prep. dates.

You are all in our prayers as we begin the new academic year and we can't wait to see everyone soon! May the peace and joy of Jesus be with you and your families.

Yours in Christ,

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Program Descriptions

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd : (*ages 3-5*)

A Montessori-based faith formation program that nurtures a child's natural relationship with God through prayer, Scripture and hands-on experiences in a sacred environment called the Atrium. Sessions will meet weekly from late September through May.

Weekend Sessions : Sundays 9:00am-11:00am St. Matthew in Plymouth - Program start date: Sept. 27th

Weekday Morning Sessions : Tuesdays 9:00am-11:00am St. Matthew in Plymouth - Program start date: Sept. 29th

Please reach out to jazmine.click@gmail.com or jotherriault10@gmail.com to register.

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) : (*kindergarten - 8th grade*)

This Family Faith Formation approach aims to equip and empower parents with all necessary resources to pass the gift of faith on to their children with confidence and prayerful enthusiasm. This year's Catholic Pillar is *The Profession of Faith* (or The Creed).

All children must be accompanied by at least one parent/guardian during each session. A nursery will be offered for children under the age of 5.

Year 1 Sacramental Prep - First Reconciliation : (*typically 2nd grade*)

Year 2 Sacramental Prep - Confirmation & First Communion : (*typically 3rd grade*)

In addition to their participation in G.I.F.T., families with children preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation attend two Saturday retreats (Fall & Spring). *At least one parent must be in attendance. One parent must also attend the Sacramental Info. Night on September 15th from 6:00-6:45pm at St. Matthew in Plymouth.

O.C.I.C. (Order of Christian Initiation for Children) : (*unbaptized children 7+ yrs.*)

Families with children (ages 7 and older) seeking Baptism are invited to join our family G.I.F.T. sessions each month.

Additional meetings will be needed specifically for baptism. Please contact Sam Fortier for more specifics by email at faithformation@htpcatholic.church.

Vacation Bible School : (*ages 4-11*)

All K-5 children are invited to a week of summer camp from August 24-28, 2026! This year's program will be *The Marvelous Mystery of the Mass*. Come to discover the incredible treasure of the Mass and develop a deeper love for Jesus in the Eucharist.

High School Youth Group : (*Gr. 9-12*)

Please contact Julia Ahern for more specifics by email at j172ahern@gmail.com.

O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) : (*Adults 18+*)

For adults not yet in full communion with the Catholic Church, O.C.I.A. is the initiation process based upon inquiry and discernment. The program begins Tuesday September 19, 7:00-8:30pm at the St. Matthew Parish Hall. Please reach out to Caitlin Bean (ocia@htpcatholic.church) to learn more.

Discovering Christ : (*Adults 18+*)

All adults are invited to join us for a seven week program to explore life's biggest questions, enjoy a shared meal, and discover the Good News that Jesus is for you. The program will run weekly on Tuesday evenings beginning October 8 from 7:00-8:30pm at the St. Matthew Parish Hall. Please reach out to Caitlin Bean (ocia@htpcatholic.church) to register.

Special Events : (*all ages*)

All Saints Day Festival : Sunday Nov. 1st

Nativity Play: TBD in Advent

Youth Stations of the Cross : TBD in Lent

2026-27 Schedule : *G.I.F.T. & Sacramental Prep.*

K-8 Parent Info. Night

SEPTEMBER 15 (6:00pm-6:45pm) St. Matthew in Plymouth. Mandatory meeting for parents new to the G.I.F.T. program and parents with children enrolled in Sacramental Prep. This will be an overview of the program, schedule, and materials.

Monthly G.I.F.T. Sessions

Families choose from either a Friday (5:30pm-7:45pm) session in Bristol or a Sunday (12:30-2:45) session in Plymouth. Please indicate your primary session time on the Registration Form. If the alternate option works better for your family in a given month, simply let us know by email and we will switch you for that month.

OCTOBER 16 or 18

FEBRUARY 12 or 14

NOVEMBER 20 or 22

MARCH 12 or 14

DECEMBER 11 or 13

APRIL 9 or 11

JANUARY 8 or 10

MAY 16 (St. Matthew Only)

Year 1 : Sacramental Prep : 1st Reconciliation

Retreats: (Part I & Part II)

NOVEMBER 7 (8:45am-12:30pm) Our Lady of Grace in Bristol

MARCH 6 (8:45am-12:30pm) St. Matthew in Plymouth

Sacrament - 1st Reconciliation:

MARCH 20 (10:00am) St. Matthew in Plymouth

Year 2 : Sacramental Prep : Confirmation & 1st Communion

Retreats: (Part I & Part II)

SEPTEMBER 26 (8:45am-12:30pm) St. Matthew in Plymouth

TBD (Sat. AM based on the date given by Bishop Libasci)

Rehearsal - 1st Communion & Confirmation:

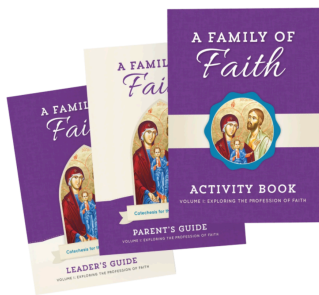
TBD (6:00pm the evening before actual sacrament) St. Matthew in Plymouth

Sacraments - 1st Communion & Confirmation:

TBD (per Bishop Libasci)

*If for any reason you are unable to attend one of these sessions, we are always available to schedule an in-person meeting and/or instruction at the Parish Offices. Phone (603) 536-4700. Email Sam or Maureen at faithformation@htpcatholic.church.

What to Expect at *G.I.F.T.* This Year



This year our core program will explore the first pillar of the Catechism: *The Profession of Faith*. All children, grades K-8 will be using the at-home, family-based curriculum from Sophia Press, *A Family of Faith*. This program includes hard copy texts with guides and activities, as well as online resources.

TIME-TABLE

Monthly *G.I.F.T.* Topic



Month 1 - CCC & The Profession of Faith

Month 2 - God the Father

Month 3 - God the Son

Month 4 - God the Holy Spirit

Month 5 - The Church & Sacraments

Month 6 - Mary & the Saints

Month 7 - The Road to Eternal Life

Month 8 - CODA - The Profession of Faith

Shared Meal: We will begin each session with a shared meal, typically pizza and salad, to build fellowship amongst families and follow our Lord's example in the breaking of bread.

Sessions: Children under the age of 5 will head to the nursery. Older children grades k-8 will have multi-age, guided activities as they rotate through learning stations. Examples of stations include praise & worship music, guided prayer, bible study, sacred art study, hands-on crafts, movement activities, group discussions, and adoration. Parents will attend a separate session with the same monthly topic at the adult level and be provided guidance with suggested at-home family dialogue and activities.

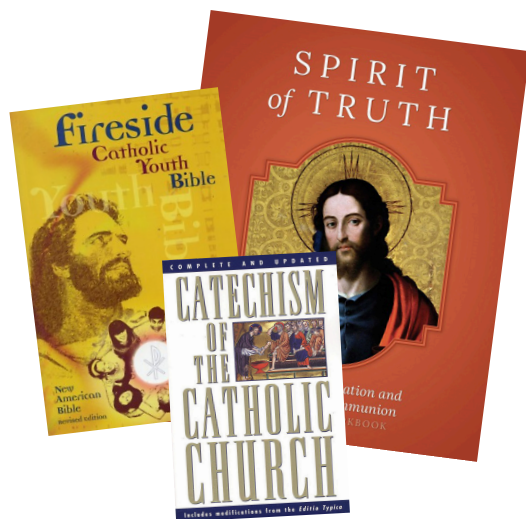
Share-Out and Send Forth: "Look what I did today Mom!" "Guess what Dad!". Children and parents reunite and recap their learning experiences and plan out how they will Grow In Faith Together at home during the next 4 weeks. We will close together in prayer.

SACRAMENTAL PREP

Overview: Sacramental Prep is a two-year program (typically grades 2 & 3) where each child prepares for three Sacraments. Year One will conclude with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Year Two will conclude with the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion.

Retreats: Like *G.I.F.T.* we will begin with a shared meal. For retreats this will be light continental breakfast. Children and parents will again separate for catechesis sessions specific to the Sacrament they are preparing for. *Note: No nursery will be offered for Sacramental Retreats.*

Take Home Materials: Families will receive a copy of the *Spirit of Truth for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion*, for use in both Years One & Two. Please let us know if you also need a Catholic Youth Bible and/or the Catechism of the Catholic Church.



GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Registration Form 2026-27

Holy Trinity Parish (St. Matthew Church, *Plymouth* - Our Lady of Grace Chapel, *Bristol*)

For your convenience and ours, the [G.I.F.T. Registration Form](#) is now available online. Please complete this form by scanning the QR Code or visiting the parish website at <http://catholic.church/religious-education>. You may still complete the traditional paper form if preferred.



Family Last Name: _____

Address _____

Parent/Guardian #1: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian #2: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Email Address: _____

If you are not already a registered parishioner at Holy Trinity you will also need to register at the Parish office or online at <http://catholic.church/register>.

Primary Time Slot: <i>(please circle*)</i>	<u>Friday Evening Sessions</u>	<u>Sunday Afternoon Sessions</u>
	5:30pm-7:45pm	12:30pm-2:45pm
	<i>Our Lady of Grace, Bristol</i>	<i>St. Matthew, Plymouth</i>

*If the alternate option works better for your family in a given month, simply let us know by email and we will switch you for that month.

Little Lambs Nursery: *Number of Children below Kindergarten:* *Ages 0-2* _____ *Ages 3-4* _____

Total Number of Family Members: *(in regular attendance at G.I.F.T.):* _____

Dinner: This year we will begin each session with a shared meal, to build fellowship amongst families and follow our Lord's example in the breaking of bread. To offset the cost of food only, G.I.F.T. will have a Registration Fee this year.

Registration Fee: \$120 (One Child, One Adult) or \$140 (Whole Family)

Financial Aid Available for anyone who asks. *Dinner costs should not be a barrier for anyone seeking Christ.*

Please make checks payable to Holy Trinity Parish, memo GIFT, and return with this form to the
HTP Office: 11 School St. Plymouth, NH 03264 (Attn. Maureen Ebner)

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Registration Form 2026-27

1. Child's Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____

Please check Sacraments already received:

Baptism*: _____ Reconciliation: _____ Confirmation: _____ Eucharist: _____

Special Needs/Allergies: _____

2. Child's Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____

Please check Sacraments already received:

Baptism*: _____ Reconciliation: _____ Confirmation: _____ Eucharist: _____

Special Needs/Allergies: _____

3. Child's Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____

Please check Sacraments already received:

Baptism*: _____ Reconciliation: _____ Confirmation: _____ Eucharist: _____

Special Needs/Allergies: _____

4. Child's Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____

Please check Sacraments already received:

Baptism*: _____ Reconciliation: _____ Confirmation: _____ Eucharist: _____

Special Needs/Allergies: _____

*If your child is preparing to receive a Sacrament this year, we will need to verify his/her baptismal record. If your child was baptized outside of Holy Trinity Parish, please send us a copy of the original baptismal certificate.

Little Lambs Nursery (ages 0-4) :

1. Child's Name _____ Age: _____

Special Needs/Allergies: _____

2. Child's Name _____ Age: _____

Special Needs/Allergies: _____

3. Child's Name _____ Age: _____

Special Needs/Allergies: _____



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



Helping Children Encounter Christ

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based faith formation program for children ages 3–6. Children gather in a specially prepared environment called the Atrium, where Scripture, prayer, and hands-on materials help them develop a deeper relationship with God.



Sessions will meet weekly from October through May, with both a weekday morning session and a Sunday morning session offered.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact
Jodie Arsenaault or Jazmine Click.

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✉ Jazmine Click
Jazmine.click@gmail.com



INTRODUCTORY SESSIONS



Sunday, September 27

9:00–11:00 AM

St. Matthew Church



Tuesday, September 29

9:00–11:00 AM

St. Matthew Church



TWO SESSION OPTIONS AVAILABLE

*Each session welcomes up to 10 children.
Early registration is encouraged!*



HELP PREPARE OUR ATRIUM

Parishioners may sponsor an item needed for our new Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium. Purchased items may be dropped off at the parish office.



**SCAN TO VIEW THE
CGS WISHLIST**

*Thank you for your
generous support!*



Or visit: my.babylist.com/holy-trinity-parish-cgs



Jodie Arsenaault & Jazmine Click
CGS Coordinators



*Thank you for your continued prayers
for our new CGS program, the Catechists,
and the children we will serve.*



HOLY TRINITY PARISH

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Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Explore the Catholic Faith

Join us for an introductory evening to explore the Catholic faith and learn about the OCIA journey.

Whether you're thinking about becoming Catholic, desiring to complete your Sacraments, returning to the Church, or simply curious about the faith, you're warmly invited to attend.

Tuesday, September 19
7:00–8:30 PM
St. Matthew Parish Hall

Is this evening for you?

- Curious about the Catholic faith?
- Interested in becoming Catholic?
- Baptized Catholic but never received First Communion or Confirmation?
- Returning to the Church after time away?

If you answered "yes" to any of these, we'd love to welcome you.

Register

Please reach out to
Caitlin Bean at
ocia@htpcatholic.church

Come as you are.

Bring your questions.

We'll save you a seat.



discovering Christ

A seven-week experience

Ask. Seek. Knock.

Beginning Tuesday, October 6

Tuesdays • 7:00–8:30 PM

St. Matthew Parish Hall

Dinner is included each week.

Join us for seven evenings in which we explore life's biggest questions, enjoy a shared meal, and discover the Good News that Jesus is for you. Whether you're curious, returning to faith, or simply searching, we're saving a seat for you.

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Register



Small Group Leaders
Needed

Help accompany others on
their faith journey.

Contact Caitlin Bean
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with any questions and to
learn more.

