



Catholic Tri-Parishes of Brockton

*Christ the King, Our Lady of Lourdes,
and Saint Edith Stein Parishes*

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Religious Education Programs for 2016-2017 at the Brockton Tri-Parish Collaborative of Christ the King, Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Edith Stein

Christ the King Parish – 54 Lyman Street, Brockton 02302, Tel. 508-586-1575
Coordinator -Judy Sullivan -rfccd@ctkp.org

First Communion – grades 1 and 2 meet on Sundays from 11:10 A.M. to 12:10 P.M. in the Trinity Catholic Academy – upper campus. Children's Liturgy of the Word is celebrated for children each week during the school year at the 10:00 A.M. Mass.

Our Lady of Lourdes -439 West Street, Brockton 02301, Tel. 508-586-4715
Coordinator for grades 1-8 -Marcia Hoyle-Walkama -
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Coordinator for Confirmation grades 9 and 10 -Mona Burns –
508-586-4715 monamburns66@,vahoo.com

First Communion – grades 1 and 2 and grades 3 and 4 meet on Sundays from 8:45 A.M. to 9:45 A.M. Grades 5-8 meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. in the Faith Formation Center and lower church at our Lady of Lourdes. Children's Liturgy of the Word is celebrated each Sunday during the year at the 10:00 A.M. Mass.

Confirmation – grades 9 and 10 meet on Thursday evenings from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. in the lower church at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Saint Edith Stein Parish – 71 East Main St., Brockton 02301, Tel. 508-588-7032
Coordinator for grades 1-8 – Stephen McLaughlin
508-588-7032, semperfisjm@gmail.com

Coordinator for Confirmation grades 9 and 10 -Mischelle
Allen - 508-588-7032, mallen@caritascommunities.org

First Communion – grades 1 and 2 and grades 3-6 meet on Saturdays from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. Special Masses for children are held about once every 4-6 weeks. Grades 7 and 8 meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. All classes meet in the Trinity Catholic Academy lower campus.

Confirmation – grades 9 and 10 meet on Sunday evenings from 5:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. in the Trinity Catholic Academy lower campus.

All Confirmation students in the Tri-Parish- grades 9 and 10 meet for a Teen Mass once per month on a Sunday evening at our Lady of Lourdes Church at 5:00 -6:30 P.M. Class is not held on this night. The Mass is the class! There is usually an Icebreaker Activity after the Mass.

**TRI-PARISHES OF BROCKTON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM -
Christ the King, Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Edith Stein Parishes**

Grade 1 through Grade 10 –FIRST COMMUNION THROUGH CONFIRMATION

Students (Grade 1 through Grade 10) gather weekly for class and are expected to attend Mass. Classes for grades 1-8 are held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church and Saint Edith Stein Parish. Christ the King Parish only holds classes for grades 1 and 2, the First Communion years. Confirmation classes for grades 9 and 10 are held at Saint Edith Stein and Our Lady of Lourdes.

Children's Liturgy of the Word for grades 1-4 is held during the 10:00 AM Mass each week at Christ the King and Our Lady of Lourdes. It is held monthly at Saint Edith Stein.

The Confirmation Program- is a two year preparation program; students must register in grade 9 (Confirmation I) and grade 10 (Confirmation II). Catholic High School students must also register for classes. Students have two choices of when and where to attend classes. The classes meet on Sundays from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM at Saint Edith Stein Parish, 631 North Main St. Brockton or they may choose to attend Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 433 West St. Brockton on Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Once per month both groups meet on a Sunday at 5:00 PM for a Teen Mass which is required. This Mass is held at our Lady of Lourdes Church.

GRADE 1 THROUGH GRADE 6 PROGRAM

The program material we use is offered in different levels from Grade 1 through Grade 6 and is the *Sadlier WE BELIVE with Project Disciple Series*. The *We Believe Program* helps young disciples learn, live, and hope in the Good News of Jesus Christ! It is a proven, faithful, and dynamic program. ©*Sadlier*

GRADE 7 AND 8 PROGRAM

The program material for this level is *Finding God – Our Response to God's Gifts* by Loyola Press. It is a Faith Formation Program that fosters a lifelong relationship with God by engaging young people in the full and authentic teachings of the Catholic Church. Seventh and eighth graders face many important decisions-about school, friends, interests they want to pursue, and about their faith. This program reaches young people where they are in this critical stage of their lives and provides in-depth support for teachers, catechists, and parents. The life of Jesus Christ and the authentic teachings of the Catholic Church are presented and explored in an age-appropriate manner, encouraging lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ. © *Loyola Press*

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST

First Reconciliation (Penance) and First Communion (Eucharist) is a two-year preparation program; children must register in grade 1 and in grade 2. Parents can set aside time to read and explore the We Believe chapters with the children each week. This type of interaction between parents and children helps parents to form their children in the faith. The children should be learning basic prayers and there are prayers in the back of the student's text for this. **The sacrament of First Reconciliation (Penance) is received in the winter months and the sacrament of First Eucharist (Holy Communion) is received in May for grade 2 children.**

GRADES NINE THROUGH TEN - CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is a two year preparation period and students must register for grade 9 and grade 10 in order to receive Confirmation in the spring of Grade 10. These students meet for class weekly on Sundays or Thursdays. They also have a required Teen Mass each month.

The Confirmation Program for Grade 9 – Confirmation I is The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth by Saint Mary's Press. It is an understandable and down-to-earth guide to all things Catholic. This book is good whether you are brushing up on specific Catholic terms and concepts or learning them for the first time. The program is in Conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops). ©*St. Mary's Press*

For Grade 10 - Confirmation II the program is **CHOSEN** – which is a program that will be presented in a video discussion format.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is conferred in the spring (April) of the student's sophomore year (Grade 10). There is also a mandatory retreat for grade 10 in January.

RCIA FOR CHILDREN – Rite of Christian Initiation and Special Sacrament Programs

Classes meet on Wednesday afternoons.

These programs are for 1) children age 7 and over that have not been baptized, 2) children baptized in a different faith but now interested in the Catholic faith, and 3) children over age 7 that have been baptized Catholic but have not received the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation, and 4) a child with special needs that has a desire to join their peers in the life of the church.

Call 508-587-4715 for Sr. Ann Boland.

For questions and concerns, please contact the Religious Education Coordinator listed below at your parish/church.

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