



2026-27 St Rose of Lima Faith Formation Program Registration Instructions

Welcome to SRL's Faith Formation Program 2026-2027. A Family Based program centered around gathering for Sunday Mass. Mass is the first level of Catechesis and the best way to engage families back to the love of God is by sharing in the Eucharist at Mass. Therefore, families are encouraged to participate in weekly Mass and be involved in teaching the faith to their children through this program. Our sessions are centered around the Liturgy of the Word.

All are expected to attend weekly Sunday 9:30 AM Mass.

PROGRAM BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026. PLEASE REGISTER BY SEPT. 9th

Late Fee of \$25 PER CHILD will be added if registering after September 9th

FINAL DEADLINE for Registration is October 18, 2026

Program Overview

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) - Grades Pre-K 4 through 3rd

Meets every Sunday in Ryan Hall at 9:30 AM. Children gather at the elevator to be escorted down to Ryan Hall. The children are brought back up to Church for the second half of Mass to be seated with their families during the Presentation of the Gifts, unless they have one of the following specific sessions that day:

- **Our Littlest Saints:** *This group is for any child who is in Pre-K 4 & Kindergarten.*
 - Attend CLOW every Sunday in Ryan Hall and then once a month after CLOW ends they are brought to the Care for Creation Room in Ryan Hall for their session. *Parents are to pick up their children at the end of Mass downstairs in the Care for Creation Room in Ryan Hall.*
- **Bread for Angels:** *First Year of Sacramental Prep. This group is for any 1st grader who needs to complete the first year of sacrament preparation to be eligible to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion the following year. Your child must complete this year of preparation to be eligible for the First Sacraments Program in 2nd Grade.*
 - Attend CLOW every Sunday in Ryan Hall and then once a month after CLOW ends, they are brought to the Care for Creation Room in Ryan Hall for their session. *Parents are to pick up their children at the end of Mass downstairs in the Care for Creation Room in Ryan Hall.*
- **At the Table of the Lord:** *First Sacraments of Reconciliation & Communion. This group is for 2nd graders or above that have already completed one year of first sacramental preparation.*
 - **Prerequisite:** *Completion of "Bread for Angels" program in 2025-26. If your child did not have one year of sacramental prep in 1st grade and is currently a 2nd grader - please register him/her for the Theophilus Club to fulfill the required Sacramental Prep.*
 - Attend CLOW every Sunday in Ryan Hall and then twice a month after CLOW ends, they remain in Ryan Hall for their Sacrament Preparation session. *Parents are to pick up their children at the end of Mass downstairs in Ryan Hall.*
 - **First Reconciliation is on Monday, February 22, 2027 at 6:00 PM and Saturday, February 27, 2027 at 11:30 AM.** *(Families can choose which date via sign-up genius closer to the date.)*
 - **First Communion Masses are on April 24, 2027 at 5:30 PM and April 25, 2027 at 9:30 & 11:30 AM.** *(Families can choose which Mass via sign-up genius closer to the date.)*

- **Theophilos Club:** *This group is for any 3rd grader that has already received their First Sacraments the prior year OR any 2nd grader who has NOT completed the Bread for Angels (First year of sacramental prep session) last year.*
 - Attend CLOW every Sunday in Ryan Hall and then attend the second half of Mass with their families in Church to receive Communion. Then once a month at the conclusion of Mass, the children go to the Care for Creation Room in Ryan Hall for their session. *Dismissal is at 11:15 AM.*

Families in Synod: *This group is for 4th & 5th graders.*

- Attend 9:30 AM Mass every Sunday and then twice a month they meet after Mass ends downstairs in Ryan Hall for their Family Catechesis session. Each student must attend with at least one of their own parents for family-based discussions. *The session ends at 11:15 AM.*

Logos: *This group is for 6th graders.*

- Attend 9:30 AM Mass every Sunday and then twice a month after Mass ends, they meet in the Devine Ctr Conference Room for their interactive Bible instruction. *The session ends at 11:15 AM.*

Gateway: *This group is for 7th & 8th graders OR any 9th grader or older who has NOT had a year of sacrament preparation before Confirmation.*

- Attend 9:30 AM Mass every Sunday and then twice a month after Mass ends, they meet outside in the Gathering Space (weather permitting) for their small group discussions with facilitators. *Teens should dress appropriately to participate outside. The session ends at 11:15 AM.*

Pneuma: *Confirmation Program: 9th grade or above.*

- ***Prerequisite:*** Completion of one (1) year of the Gateway program in 2025-26 AND currently in 9th grade or above. *If not – please register for the Gateway session to receive Confirmation the following year.*
- Confirmation candidates are expected to attend Sunday Mass weekly.
- The candidates follow a model of *Youth doing Ministry* where the candidates volunteer in service projects through Service Saturdays dates.
- In addition, candidates attend sessions once a month to prepare them to live the sacrament of Confirmation. The sessions will follow the 11:30 AM Mass and end at 1:30 PM. Candidates must attend the 11:30 AM Mass.
- Sessions meet in Ryan Hall or outdoors in the Gathering Space (weather permitting). *Teens should dress appropriately to participate outside.*
- Confirmation is on May 9, 2027 (Candidates choose either the 11:30 AM or 2:00 PM Mass via sign-up genius closer to date.)

A Faith Formation Calendar of Events with specific dates for when each grade has their sessions will be emailed to you upon completion of registration.

How to Register for the Program?

1. The 2026/27 Faith Formation Registration is available on our parish web-based system called *Realm*. **To begin registration log into www.onrealm.org.** Families that have attended our Faith Formation program in the past should already have a **Realm ID (email address) and Password**. If you forgot your password, just click on the “Forgot Password” link on the Sign-in screen and *Realm* will email you a new password.
- **If you are new to the parish and to our Faith Formation program, we ask that you complete the New Member Parish Registration Form that can be found on our website**

(www.stroseshorthills.org) and indicate that you would like to register your child for Faith Formation.

- If you are already members of the parish, but don't have a *Realm* account, just call the Faith Formation office at 973-379-3912 or email rsabatella@stroseshorthills.org and one will be assigned to you.
- Once we enter your family information in our system, you will receive an invitation to join *Realm* via email. Please accept the invitation to create your account and password. If there are any problems, you can call the Faith Formation office at 973-379-3912 or email rsabatella@stroseshorthills.org.

NOTE: Please use Google Chrome, Safari or Firefox as your internet browser since **Internet Explorer is NOT a supported browser**. It is also recommended that you **do not use your cell phone** for initial access.

2. Once you are logged into *Realm* **choose on the left-hand side of your screen under the "Events" tab, ONE of 4 Registration Events as follows:**

- **2026-27 Faith Formation Registration: NON-SACRAMENT**– choose this for any child who is in Pre-K 4 through 8th grade or older that attends a public school AND is NOT receiving a sacrament (First Communion or Confirmation) this year.
- **2026-27 1st Sacraments Registration-public schools** - choose this for any child who is in 2nd grade or older, if they have never received their First Reconciliation or Communion, and if they attend a public school. The child also must have completed one year of sacramental preparation the year before. **NOTE:** A copy of the child's Baptismal certificate needs to be submitted to our office for our records if they were NOT baptized at St Rose of Lima in Short Hills.
- **2026-27 First Sacraments for SRLA Students**– choose this for any child who is in 2nd grade at SRLA. **NOTE:** A copy of the child's Baptismal certificate needs to be submitted to our office for our records if they were NOT baptized at St Rose of Lima in Short Hills.
- **2026-27 Confirmation Registration-9th Gr or above** – choose this for any teen who is in 9th grade or older that is ready to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. The teen must have completed the Gateway program the year before. **NOTE:** A copy of the teen's Baptismal AND First Communion certificate needs to be submitted to our office for our records if they were NOT baptized at St Rose of Lima in Short Hills.

Do not be confused by the Event date listed which is for internal purposes only. **The program begins Sunday, September 13th.**

3. Your family member names should appear on the right-hand screen. **Make sure you have selected (checked off) the children's names you are registering – not the parent's names.** The system will default to the adult's name who is logged in, therefore, please remember to deselect the parents' name. Before you begin to answer the registration questions for each child, you will notice options for tuition payments on-line.

Tuition has NOT changed this year and there will be a LATE FEE of \$25 PER CHILD added if any registration is received AFTER September 9th. Final deadline for registration is Oct. 18th:

- **Faith Formation (Non-Sacrament) - Tuition is \$300 PER CHILD now through Sept. 9th.**

- **First Sacraments Registration – 2nd graders - Tuition is \$500 PER CHILD now through Sept. 9th.**
(This fee includes the sacramental prep sessions plus the fees involved in receiving TWO sacraments – First Reconciliation and First Eucharist).
- **First Sacraments for SRLA Students – Tuition is \$200 PER CHILD now through Sept. 9th.**
- **Confirmation Registration-9th grade or above - Tuition is \$325 PER TEEN now through Sept. 9th.**
(This fee includes the sacramental prep sessions plus expenses involved in running stewardship volunteer projects, the Confirmation retreat, and the sacrament cost).

Tuition payment must be PAID ON-LINE in FULL WITH REGISTRATION. If you have financial hardship and cannot pay the fee, please contact Sr. Sandy in the Faith Formation office at (973) 379-3912.

4. **Proceed to answer all the registration questions for each child you are registering.** Please be sure to answer **ALL** questions completely, specifically the Emergency Contact information, and make sure the **Grade and School** fields are accurate for their 2026-27 school year. Also **enter your child/student's Email Address** for communication purposes. All parents are also copied on emails from Faith Formation. This is the only method of communication for the program. It's imperative you don't unsubscribe to Ream emails.
 5. Once you are done with all registration questions for each child, you can then proceed to **complete your registration by selecting the "Register and Pay" button.** Here is where you can pay your tuition amount by credit card or by electronic check. **NOTE: the parish does incur fees for all credit card charges** and so we ask, if at all possible, to please choose the electronic check option.
- **If the "Register and Pay" button is not highlighted, then that means you need to select "Add a payment".** Click on that link and enter your credit card payment details. After that, select "Register and Pay".

Realm will send you an email to confirm that your registration has gone through successfully. In that email you will receive a link to the *Faith Formation Calendar of Events*. If you do not receive this confirmation email, then contact the Faith Formation office to make sure your child(ren) are registered.

If you have any questions or problems registering, do not hesitate to contact the Faith Formation office via phone or email any of the following:

Faith Formation Office: 973-379-3912

Registration Questions:

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