



Dear Faith Formation Families:

We are excited to welcome you for the first time and some of you back to a new year of faith formation in our parish community. You and your family are part of two programs in our Family Faith Formation program BREAD and WATER . We write today to follow up on what you read when registering your child/children.

First, your child is part of WATER. This is our formation process for young people preparing for the sacrament of **Baptism** and the sacraments of initiation, similar to what adults who desire baptism enter into. So, your family must attend at 9:15 a.m. Mass on the Sunday's listed below. Before the first reading, he/she will be dismissed to work with a team of catechists to learn more about our faith and Baptism. The children will meet you back at the end of Mass so you can go home together. The tentative plan is for **your child to be baptized at the Easter Vigil in 2028.** (Those who have been working in this process last year **2025/26 will be baptized at the Easter Vigil in 2027.**)

Second, as part of this formation, you and your child are enrolled in **BREAD** (generally for families in grades 1-6) OR **FIRE** (generally for students in grades 7 and up to 18 years old). You will receive a separate letter from us regarding BREAD or a separate letter for Confirmation Preparation, regarding FIRE.

Please NOTE: Your child must participate in both **WATER** and **FIRE** or **BREAD** (depending on their age or Sacrament they need.)

Attendance and participation of students and families in both programs **is expected and required.**

Let us pray for each other these days!

WATER

Families attend at 9:15 a.m. Mass in Our Lady's Chapel 101 Maple Ave. Westbury NY. Students leave Mass after the Homily and work with a catechist while your family remains at Mass.
Attendance is required at all sessions.

Water 1- Beginning classes in Fall 2026

Water 2- Began classes in Fall 2025.

2026	2027
Sunday, October 4th (Water 1 & 2) Sunday, October 18th (Water 1 & 2) Sunday, November 1st (Water 1 & 2) Sunday, November 8th (Water 1 & 2) <u>Rite of Acceptance/Welcome(Chapel)</u> Sunday, November 15th (Water 1 & 2) Sunday, December 6th (Water 1 & 2) Sunday, December 13th (Water 1 & 2)	Sunday, January 3rd (Water 1 & 2) Sunday, January 24th (Water 1 & 2) Sunday, February 7th (Water 1 & 2) Sunday, February 14th (Water 1 & 2) Sunday, February 21st (Water 1 & 2) Sunday, February 28th (Water 1 & 2) <u>First Scrutiny (Chapel)</u> Sunday, March 7th (Water 1 & 2)) <u>Second Scrutiny (Chapel)</u> Sunday, March 14th (Water 1 & 2) <u>Third Scrutiny (Chapel)</u> Sunday, March 21st (Water 1 & 2)

If you child is in **Water 2** (this means classes started last year in September 2025), they must participate in the following liturgies:

Saturday, February 13th (Water 2 ONLY) Rite of Sending 5pm Mass in Church Post Ave

Sunday, February 14th (Water 2 ONLY) Rite of Election at DRVC Saint Agnes Rockville Center - Time to be determined.

Sunday, February 28th - First Scrutiny - 9:15 a.m. Mass. - Chapel

Sunday, March 7th - Second Scrutiny - 9:15 a.m. Mass - Chapel

Sunday, March 14th - Third Scrutiny - 9:15 a.m. Mass - Chapel

27th of March HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL

16th of May PENTECOST SUNDAY