

September 2017



Dear Parents,

It is time for us to be recruiting boys and girls who are interested in becoming altar servers. This is an important ministry in the church. It is a great opportunity for our children to participate in the life of their parish by serving at the altar in a special way. This service allows them to grow in the understanding of this beautiful gift of the Eucharist. Serving requires instruction and then a commitment to serve faithfully. This commitment is not impossible for youngsters their age especially when parents encourage them.

As they will learn during the instruction, the “job” of the priest at Mass is to help the congregation to pray better. The “job” of the server is to help the celebrant to do his job better. I depend on the servers for the continuity and the reverence of the liturgy. I hope that your son/daughter will be able to participate with us. Please fill out the lower portion of this letter and return it to me as soon as possible. **Instructions will take place on 10/15, 10/22, 10/29 and 11/5 in the church following the 8:00am Mass.** If your child is scheduled for their religious education class at 9am they will be excused from these classes so that they may focus on this important ministry. If this time is not possible, we can arrange for other times. **We will commission the new servers at the 10:15am Mass on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.** They will be included on the weekly schedule beginning on the first Sunday of Advent, November 30/December 1. If you have any questions, speak with me after Mass or call the rectory, 508-238-3232 or e-mail me at pastor@icceaston.org. Thank you for the encouragement you give to your son or daughter to share their gifts with their church.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Degagne

Complete the form below and return it by October 11th.

Cut off the top portion to keep for your information.

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My son/daughter has my permission to become an Altar Server.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your preferences (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> choice) of Mass times for scheduling.

Saturday 4:30pm \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday 8:00am \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday 10:15am \_\_\_\_\_

No Preference \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_