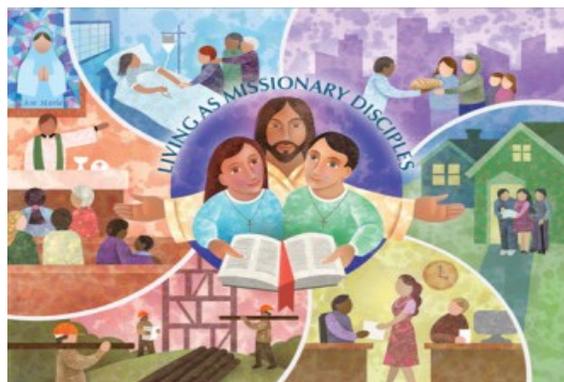


About St. Paul's Faith Formation Classes 2017-2018



Jesus Christ sends us on a mission to “make disciples” (Mt 28:19)

Faith formation, catechesis, is the act of handing on the Word of God intended to inform the faith community and candidates for initiation into the Church about the teachings of Christ, transmitted by the Apostles to the Church. These teachings help us to “constantly bear witness to charity, as a law of daily life.” (Pope Francis) The Diocese of Syracuse is committed to providing 30 contact hours of Faith Formation each year.

First Things First

In addition to weekly Mass in our parish, we offer 25 classroom hours and 5 hours in a variety of activities. We start our year with a **Family Picnic** on **September 10** held jointly with St. Joseph's at Delta Lake State Park. (In the event of rain, the picnic will be held at St. Paul's) Classes begin one week later with **Mass for Catechetical Sunday** on **September 17** followed by our **Church School Open House** with coffee and doughnuts.

Calendar

Classes noted in light green are on Wednesday mornings from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

- **Toddler-and-me** for children under school age with a parent or guardian
- **Grades K-4**
- **Grade 5 & 6** may opt to take classes on Wednesday mornings or Monday evenings

Classes noted in blue are on Monday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

- **Grades 7- 10**
- **High school and college aged** students, who have already received Confirmation
- **Journey Program** for grade 4 and above who have not celebrated First Sacraments

"Circles of Care" the educational component of our Safe Environment Program for children and teens as required by Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham, Bishop of Syracuse. The age-appropriate sessions will be held on Monday, Oct. 23rd for grades 5 –10 and on Wednesday, Oct. 25th for grades K- 6. Parents may review the complete curriculum, or request an opt-out form from the diocesan website: www.syracusediocese.org

Sacrament Preparation

Confirmation Orientation Meeting will be held for students (in grades 9 and 10) and parents on Sunday, September 17th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's. The Confirmation process requires two years of study at the high-school level. Students must be in 10th grade or above to be confirmed. Class outlines and requirements will be distributed at the meeting.

First Eucharist/Reconciliation Parent Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 1st at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's for parents of children in 2nd grade and above who will celebrate First Reconciliation in December and First Eucharist in May, 2018; study guides will be distributed at the meeting.

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The Gift of Joy



Offerings available to our families throughout the year.

- Fr. Kelly's 40th Anniversary of Ordination October 15, 2017
- Liturgical opportunities to volunteer as servers and greeters
- Harvest Meal
- Operation Starfish, a Food For the Poor outreach
- "The Light is On For You" and ongoing confession schedule
- Children's choir & Nativity Tableau held on Christmas Eve
- Care Net bottle drive
- St. Patrick's Dinner
- Stations of the Cross during Lent
- Catholic Relief Services mite box
- Easter-egg hunt
- May Crowning
- St. Joseph's Food Pantry bag sale
- Vacation Bible School with the whole Rome Pastoral Care Area in the summer

Faith Formation is life-long learning.

Emmaus Adult Education Gatherings - To join please call Nick Pantazis (315) 339-5037

Coming in January 2018 The ChristLife Series - Helping people discover, follow, and share Jesus Christ. *Discovering Christ*, the first seven-week experience with a meal for adults will begin in January on Wednesday evenings. Watch the bulletin for details & invite your friends!