

Family Faith Formation Newsletter Spring 2024 - 2

Children and Youth (See reverse for adult programs)

Family Faith Formation and Religious Education

All ages and grade levels and their families meet at **Ss. Columba-Brigid**. Enjoy a meal together with separate sessions for children and adults. Our theme is Lent. See some of our projects on display in our parishes after the event. Thursday, June 6 at 6 PM - St. Lucy Room. This is open to all.

Confirmation Session I - Day and Time Change!

All students in at least their first year of high school and adults may register for Session I of our **Confirmation Program**. This program is **required** for those who want to be admitted to Session II leading to Confirmation in November 2024. Candidates are encouraged to bring their sponsor/Godparent. All sessions begin at 12:30 PM on Sundays March 3, 17, 24, and April 7, Join us and live your **Life on Purpose**. Ss. Columba-Brigid.

First Communion Session II

Students in grade 2 and above who have completed Session I or who made their First Reconciliation elsewhere may now register for **First Communion Session II**. All classes will be at Ss. Columba-Brigid and begin at 6 PM. First Communion Retreat 6/1/24 **CB** First Communion is June 2, 2024 in your home parish.

Youth Rally

Join our youth leaders and trends in grades 8-12 from around the diocese at Villa Maria College on April 28 for a fun and faith-filled afternoon. Sleep-in on a Sunday, because we end with Mass! Listen to speaker Valimar Jansen and discussions on topics of interest to YOU! Join the choir, too. Registration information is coming soon.

Mission Trip

There are a limited number of Mission Trip slots available for the August 2024 trip to St. Francis Inn in Philadelphia. Fr. Aaron is planning to accompany us on this trip. Applicants must be at least age 14 before August 1. Applications will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis; however, preference will be given to the 2024 Confirmation candidates. Registration forms are now available.

Baptism Children aged 7 and above

Please register for our regular **Faith Formation classes**. Arrangements will be made for additional preparation

Vacation Bible School

Please let us know if you are interested in enrolling your children aged 5-10.

Adult Offerings

Baptism Class

Sunday, April 14, 1:00-2:30 PM at **Blessed Trinity**. Parents of children under 7 years. Please register with your parish so that we have adequate materials. See reverse for children over age 7.

Bible Studies

CB 10 AM Sundays in Hall & Thursday evenings via Zoom - call the office for a link or get it on our online calendar

BT 4 PM on Tuesdays via Zoom. Link on website.

SMdP Tuesday evenings check bulletins for schedule

Coming soon!

Who are the people in your neighborhood? Buffalo has always been a city of immigrants. In that respect, little has changed. We don't have Mr. Rogers, but we do have a panel from the Network of Religious Communities coming to help us understand the people and the cultures who have recently immigrated to our neighborhoods. Join us. May or June 2024 at Blessed Trinity.

The Secret Life of the Catholic Church - In this short course you will learn just what the Church actually says about many current issues today. Open to **adults and teens in Grade 9 and above**. This will be a requirement for teens who wish to go on the Mission Trip. Dates coming soon.

Brown Bag It with our clergy. Dates to be announced. Ever want to just sit and chat? Have questions? Join our clergy for lunch. They would love to chat with you, too. Watch for dates in the bulletin.

Faithful Citizenship - Confused and overwhelmed with the candidates and issues? Join Deacon Don Weigel as we discuss "What's a faithful Catholic to do?" This evening will not tell you for whom to vote, but it will give you tools to help you decide how to vote. **Adults and teens Grade 9 and above. Fall 2024 - TBA**

An Introduction to Sacred Scripture - This class will begin in September 2024 and will be taught by different instructors each week. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know our clergy better as the deacons and priests will be teaching, too. The schedule will be available soon.

Catholic Question Box We know you have questions. Watch for our "Box" every week in parish bulletins - and let us know if you have a question for our clergy or faith formation team.