



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Faith Formation Office

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our Life Long Faith Formation registration and schedule for the 2017-2018 year is enclosed. The diocese of Buffalo has implemented a **new curriculum** knowing that forming disciples is a life-long process, not just while we are young. In order to integrate this new curriculum, starting this year, we will include the parents in all of our programs. We will be purchasing an online program called, "Formed" and will be using it for our faith formation classes as well as the our entire faith community (an in depth explanation is enclosed).

- The program at your fingertips 24/7 to enjoy movies, books, Bible studies and many more offerings. This program will be the basis for our family faith formation group sessions. Therefore, when we would like you to review a certain topic or if you need to go back and review after a session, you can on your computer, ipad or phone. (Instructions for logging into the website will be forthcoming in July).
- Our students who have special needs will still be integrated more in sessions with our Faith Community as well as having their own sessions.
- For your convenience, our 9th grade first year Confirmation sessions will be on the same days/times as the elementary Symbolon series for families.
- Our 10th grade Confirmation sessions will be on selected Sundays from 9:15-Noon with 11 am Mass expected.

Payment for this new year is asked at the time of registration or, if you like, we could put you on a monthly billing cycle. Please see on the reverse side the criteria for an active/or inactive family. If there are any financial issues that prevent you from paying at this time please contact us. Please return your registration with payment by August 1. **Vocation Bible Camp forms with payment is asked to be in by June 19.**

For the upcoming year:

- **GRADES 1-5:** Children are **invited** to attend the Vocation Bible Camp on July 10-14 or August 7-11.
- **PARENTS AND STUDENTS in grades 1-8** are **expected** to attend the six (6) Sundays that Symbolon is offered, choose three (3) extra programs as well as five (5) service opportunities. (See registration sheet for further details.)
- **CHILDREN WHO HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS (SN):** Your child/family will attend the SN individual classes as well as the sessions you choose on your registration sheet. You are also welcome to attend any of the "extra" sessions offered.
- **CONFIRMATION LEVEL 1 & 2, GRADES 9 & 10,** have a separate registration form.
- **REMIND-**You will be "reminded" of sessions through a limited character program called, "Remind". Please accept any texts or emails you receive from this program.

If not previously handed in, we will need a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate unless Baptized at St. Francis of Assisi. (Please mark that on the registration sheet.)

We realize our program is not "one size fits all". If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Faith Formation office as we realize every family situation is different. Thank you for making you and your family's faith an integral part of their life as a Roman Catholic. We look forward to working together with you, the parents, the first and most important faith "sharers" for your children. We honestly **can't** do it without you. May we continue to grow together as true disciples of Jesus. We, together with Jesus and each other, can and will make a positive difference in our world. May God bless you, your families and all that you do.

Sincerely in Christ and St. Francis,

Fr. Ross M. Syracuse, OFM Conv.
Pastor

Jean Hymes
Director, Faith Formation

Allie Eager
Assistant Coordinator Faith Formation

Active/Participating Parishioner Family:

For the purposes of our Faith Formation Registration process, a family that is considered “An Active/Participating Parishioner Family” is asked to fulfill the following basic criteria:

- 1) One that has been officially registered for at least six months prior to the registration date.
- 2) Family members attend Mass here at St. Francis, under normal circumstances, *at least* three (3) times per month.
- 3) Uses the collection envelopes that are mailed to registered parishioners or uses online electronic giving through their bank account or credit card. (To register go to www.stfrancis.us and click on the upper right hand corner where it says “egiving”)

Inactive/Non-Participating or Non Parishioner Family:

For the purpose of our Faith Formation Registration process, a family is considered “An Inactive/Non-Participating Parishioner Family” if they do not fulfill the above mentioned criteria, that is, not registered for at least six months, not attending Mass on a regular basis or not supporting the Faith Community. “A Non-Parishioner Family” is also one that is registered at another parish but wishes to enroll their child(ren) in our Faith Formation Program.

Dates for Youth Ministry Grades

- Thursday, July 20, 10 a.m.-7:00 p.m.: Trip to Darien Lake (Altar Servers go free-any age) Under 6th grade must be accompanied by an adult. **Families welcome**
- Friday, September 15, Open Gym – 7-9pm
- Friday, October 27, *Open Gym- 7-9 pm*
- Friday, November 17, Open Gym – 7-9 pm
- Friday, December 15 Open Gym 7-9 pm
- Friday, January 26, Open Gym 7-9 pm
- Friday, February 16, Open Gym: 7-9 pm
- Friday, March 9, Open Gym: 7-9 pm
- Friday, April 27, Open Gym-7-9pm
- Friday, May 18, Open Gym-7-9pm



All those entering 6-10 grade and their friends are welcome at any of our events.

Individual sessions for Children who have special Needs

(Also invited and welcomed to any other sessions, events or service)

All sessions in upstairs room from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. on the following

Sundays:

September 24

November 19

December 17

February 11

April 15

May 6



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI GRADES 1-8 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2017 – 2018 (Please print legibly)

Father/ _____ Phone: Cell _____ Home _____
 Guardian (Last) (First)

Mother/ _____ Phone: Cell _____ Home _____
 Guardian (Last) (First)

Child's Address: _____

Family E-Mail Address: _____

How would you like to be contacted: Text (If so, which number?) _____ Email USPS mail
 (check all that apply)

Parishioner of St. Francis: Yes No (Your Church): _____

Marital Status: Married: _____ Separated/Divorced: _____ Single Parent: _____
 Mother Father Guardian

*Second Address: _____

*Second E-Mail Address: _____

If parent is not available in case of an emergency, please notify (**other than self**):

Name: _____ Phone: Cell _____ Home _____

CHILDREN IN THE PROGRAM (Grades 1-8 only):

(The confirmation program is for Grade 9 & 10 students. A separate registration will be provided at a later date.)

(If your child was baptized outside of St. Francis of Assisi please enclose a copy of their Baptismal Certificate.)

Name: _____ Grade _____ Church Baptized: _____

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Registration Fees: 2017 – 2018

<u>Parishioner</u>	<u>Inactive/Non-Parishioner</u>	<u>Sacramental Fee</u>
<u>1 child-\$75</u>	<u>1 child-\$175</u>	<u>Reconciliation/First Eucharist-\$25 (grade 3)</u>
<u>2 children-\$140</u>	<u>2 children-\$240</u>	<u>Confirmation – 9th grade - \$50, 10th grade - \$75</u>
<u>3 or more-\$195</u>	<u>3 or more-\$295</u>	***Please remit payment with registration

Please check and sign below: See back of letter for further explanation of Active/Inactive Parishioners

_____ **We are an Active/Participating Parishioner Family** (A determination will be made by parish staff via the criteria stated on the letter. If deemed inactive, you will be notified and asked to pay the non-participating price.)

_____ **We are an Inactive/Non-Participating or Non Parishioner Family**

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Amount Paid: _____ Date: _____ Check #: _____

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Grades 1-8 & Parents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pick 2(ME) (Grades 1-5) • pick 1 (or more) (E) • pick 5 (S) sessions 	Under column named (TYPE) ME__ ME__ E__ E__ S__ S__ S__ S__ S__ <small>(Grades 1-8)</small>
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Check Box	TYPE	DATE	TIME	DESCRIPTION
MM & SYM boxes are checked as you are expected to attend.				
		Grades 1-8 AND Parents	Social Center	
	MM	Morality in Motion Series *All participation expected		Morality in Motion (In place of "Strong Catholic Families"/Youth) Join us as we explore with guest speakers the topics of Respect for life, Human Trafficking, Refugees, and Pornography. Adults & 6-10 th grade students. **Babysitting provided if needed.
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X	MM2	Thursday, October 12 th	7:00-8:30 pm	
		Grades 1-8 AND Parents	Social Center	11:00 am Mass expected
X	SYM1	Sunday, November 5 th	9:15-10:45 am	SYMBOLON/ YDisciple
X	SYM2	Sunday, December 3 rd	9:15-10:45 am	SYMBOLON/ YDisciple
X	SYM3	Sunday, January 7 th	9:15-10:45 am	SYMBOLON/ YDisciple
X	SYM4	Sunday, February 4 th	9:15-10:45 am	SYMBOLON/ YDisciple
X	SYM5	Sunday, March 11 th	9:15-10:45 am	SYMBOLON/ YDisciple
X	SYM6	Sunday, April 29 th	9:15-10:45 am	SYMBOLON/ YDisciple
	ME	Ministry Essentials (Choose 2 or more to attend)/Adults expected to attend <i>Childcare provided if notified prior.</i> Held in Social Center		
	ME1	Tuesday, October 24 th – Ministry Essentials with Dennis Mahaney	7:00-8:30 pm	Christian Spirituality
	ME2	Tuesday, November 14 th - Ministry Essentials with Dennis	7:00-8:30 pm	Mission of the Church
	ME3	Tuesday, March 13 th - Ministry Essentials with Dennis Mahaney	7:00-8:30 pm	Sacraments
	ME4	Tuesday, March 20 th - Ministry Essentials with Dennis Mahaney	7:00-8:30 pm	Morality
		Extras: Choose 1 or More	Social Center	
	E1	Friday, August 25 th – Family Movie Night	6:30 – 9:00 pm	Family Movie Night
	E2	Thursday, March 15 th Friday, March 16 th	6:30-8:00 pm 6:00-8:00 pm	St Joseph’s Table, Setup, Dinner & Stations

	E3	Thursday, March 22 nd Friday, March 23 rd	6:30-8:00 pm 6:00 -8:00 pm	Practice Stations –Church <i>(must be able to read)</i> Parents welcome to read. Soup Supper & Stations
		3RD GRADE ONLY	Students & Parents attend all	
	3rd	Sunday, September 24 th	9:45-12:00 pm	3 rd grade parent mtg. & Mass
	3rd	Sunday, October 8 th	9:45-12:00 pm	Class & Mass
	3rd	Sunday, October 22 nd	9:45-12:00 pm	Class/Candle Making/practice and Mass
	3rd	Saturday, November 11 th	10:00 am	FIRST RECONCILIATION
	3rd	Sunday, March 18 th 2018	9:45-12:00 pm	Parent Meeting/Class and Mass
	3rd	Sunday, April 15 th 2018	9:45-12:00 pm	Class and Mass
	3rd	Saturday, April 21 st 2018	10:00 am-1:15 pm	Church Search/Banner Making/practice
	3rd	Saturday May 5 th Sunday, May 6 th	4:00 pm & 11:00 am Masses	First Eucharist
	3rd	Saturday, May 12	4 pm Mass	May Crowning Wear First Communion Attire
		SERVICE (choose 5) Grades 1-8	Grades 1-8	
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	S3	Drop off by Saturday, July 15 th	Social Center	A basket or gift card for the BBQ
	S 4	Monday, October 9 th	10-Noon or on own	You make a fleece tie Blanket for the needy
	S5	Saturday, October 28 th Sunday, October 29 th	Before/After each Mass	Clothing Drive before/after each Mass
	S6	Thursdays, November 9 & 16 th & Thanksgiving Mass November 23	6:30 pm -7:30 pm	Practice Song to present at Thanksgiving Mass at 10 am
	S8	Saturday, St Luke’s Mission of Mercy, November 11 th	At St. Luke’s Time: TBA	(*Fill Thanksgiving Bags)
	S9	Saturday, November 18 th	2:30-3:45 pm	Decorations for Thanksgiving for Bethel in Social Center
	S10	Saturday, December 9 th	Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm-Social Ctr.	Santa Secret Shop/6 th grade & up to work. Everyone invited.
	S11	Sunday, December 10 th	6:00 pm	Caroling for Churches in Action
	S12	Tuesday, December 12 th & 19 th Christmas Eve Practice	6:30-7:30 pm	Practice for Christmas Eve Mass
	S13	Friday, December 22 nd Caroling at Bethel Estates	6:00 pm/Meet at Bethel Estates.	Wear Christmas attire, bring snack to share.
	S14	Saturday, January 27 Sunday, January 28 th	At weekend Mass	Food Drive- Collect or Deliver
	S15	Saturday, April 21 st Sunday, April 22 nd	At all weekend Masses	Spring Clothing Drive Collect or Deliver
	S16	Family Spring Yard Clean up	When needed	Clean yards for the elderly or disabled of our parish.

	S17	Saturday, May 12 May Crowning Procession	4:00 pm Mass	Everyone dress appropriately and bring flowers.
	S18	Wednesday Practice, Sunday's choir starts in Sept. Jr Choir/1 per month. Dates: TBA	6:00 pm 10:15 for 11 am Mass	**This counts for ALL of your service if you attend all the practices/masses scheduled.

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