



St. Julia Parish

Weston & Lincoln, MA

2020-2021 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION GRADES 1-8 & HIGH SCHOOL

INCLUDES REGISTRATION FOR: FIRST EUCHARIST AND FIRST PENANCE (Grade 2) CONFIRMATION (HIGH SCHOOL)

Dear Families,

Welcome to Faith Formation 2020-2021! Circumstances certainly have changed in just a year, and our Faith Formation has had to change along with it. Much consideration was made as we discerned how to provide a quality Faith Formation to the students in our parish. We want to keep the students, the catechists, and all family members as safe as possible. The following are the plans for each grade level and Sacrament prep process:

Grades 1-6: We will be using the new Boston Archdiocese plan, called “Project Nazareth”, with some supplemental material. This Faith Formation takes place in the home, led by the parents, focusing on a theme based on the upcoming Gospel reading. Along with this lesson will be a “Laying the Foundation” lesson, based on the theme, Here there will be a grade level teaching on the theme, allowing your child to learn at his or her own level, keeping them on task in meeting the curriculum found in our in-house classroom model.

The “textbook” you will be using is the Catholic Children’s Bible, which we will provide. You will also receive a Prayer Center Kit, which includes cloths of the Liturgical colors, battery run candle (batteries included!), a small crucifix, and prayer sticks. A Parent guide, Prayer guide, and Guide to the Prayer Center Kit will also be included. The lesson will be mailed to the parents on the Monday preceding the particular Sunday. The lesson will consist of Bible readings that relate to the Sunday theme, whether it is the Gospel itself, or a Liturgical celebration, such as All Saints Day or Advent.

The lesson will ask that you gather as a family, pray together, read the Bible together, and then learn from each other with one or two discussion questions of the week. These questions are meant to be discussed whenever you have a few minutes: during a meal, in the car, on a walk, etc. There will be suggestion for “going deeper”, whether in a study format or as a family activity. We just ask that you do what you can, when you can. This time together is not meant to stress anyone out, but to help all members of the family see the connection of our Sunday Liturgies to our daily life, and why we do what we do throughout the year.

Students preparing for the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist will receive additional materials, and should expect to participate in a Zoom Family Gathering several times throughout the year. The Sacrament of Penance is usually received in December, and the Sacrament of First Eucharist is usually received during the Easter Season (April/May)

Cindy will be holding a Zoom Parent/Family Meeting on Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00 pm, to review the above information, as well as preparation for First Penance/First Eucharist, and answer any questions. Details to join the meeting will be mailed to the parents of all registered students.

Grades 7 and 8: The 7th and 8th graders can expect an online (Zoom) Sunday morning class between 10:15am and 11:15am with age appropriate discernment focused on the following curriculum:

1. Identity and development, Becoming who you are called to Be
2. Faith: responding to God's Invitation
3. Judaism: Discovering our Religious Roots
4. Jesus: Revealing God in History
5. Jesus and the paschal Mystery
6. The Church: Gathering in the Spirit of Jesus
7. The Scriptures: Hearing the Inspired Word of God
8. Tradition: Handing on a Living Faith
9. The Sacraments: Celebrating the Grace of God
10. The Liturgical Year Explained
11. Spirituality and Prayer: Growing in Life with God
12. Christian Morality: Living in the Spirit of Jesus

The plan is to meet 6 times before Christmas and 6 times before Easter. Hopefully we can move to "in-person" gatherings in 2021. Service opportunities are on hold for now with minor exceptions.

High School (Confirmation): All classes will meet at 7pm for one hour through Zoom.

1st year Confirmation candidates choose 3 topics, 2nd year candidates choose 2:

Kindness During COVID - October 4th and 11th

Homelessness: Angels in Disguise: November 8th and 15th

Immigrants: Bienvenido, Welcome December 6th and 13th

MLK Jr: Let Justice Roll: January 10th and 17th

Racism: Gotta Deal with It: January 31st and February 7th

Simplicity: What Matters: February 28th and March 7th

Hunger: We can make a difference: March 21 and March 28

(Please indicate which topics you will attend on the registration form)

Each topic includes: • opening and closing prayers • contemporary songs/music • videos that frame the issue, make a faith connection to the issue, and inspire a call to action • questions to guide group discussion • youth-friendly activities or reflections. In session one of each topic, the content is animated in two parts: "Making It Personal" and "Changing the World." "Making It Personal" videos, discussion, and exercises focus on personal stories and the faith-based connection to the issue. "Changing the World" focuses on how individuals, Churches and other organizations, have (successfully) responded to the issue, and invites youth to make personal/group commitments to action.

- Generations of Faith (Digital Version) - Saturday October 24th. This year the latter part of that event features Trivia, so the presence of High school students would be especially helpful.
- The Confirmation Retreat day is November 7th from 10- 5pm but if we cannot do this in person we will re-schedule for the Spring.
- ABIDEBoston, led by several metrowest parishes and involves teens' prayer, fasting and service between 7pm on Good Friday and 7pm on Holy Saturday. In 2021 it will take place on April 2nd and 3rd at St Bridget's parish in Lexington.

FAMILY INFORMATION

Are you registered parishioners of St. Julia Parish?

- Yes
 No, but I would like to register
 No, I am a registered parishioner of: _____
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PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Maiden Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____ Town: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Religion: Roman Catholic Other: _____

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Preferred Family e-mail: _____

Please provide an address that you use regularly! You will receive updates on classes, activities and other parish happenings through this address.

Emergency Contact phone: Mother Father Other: _____

Name: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Photo Waiver: I **do not** give permission to St. Julia parish to use images of my children for publications which includes bulletin, website, Facebook, etc.

In the following pages, please provide information for each child you would like to register for formation this year. Candidates entering second year of Confirmation Formation should be included. Tuition information can be found at the end.

Student #1

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Birth Date: _____ M F Grade Level as of Sept. 2019: _____

School Attending: _____

Allergies/Special Needs?: _____

Is your child baptized? Yes, at St. Julia Parish Yes, at another church No
If baptized at another church, please make sure we have a copy of baptismal record on file.

Confirmation Candidates – **First Year**, please **choose three** of the following topics; **Second Year**, please **choose two**:

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Student #2

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Birth Date: _____ M F Grade Level as of Sept. 2019: _____

School Attending: _____

Allergies/Special Needs?: _____

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School Attending: _____

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Student #4

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Birth Date: _____ M F Grade Level as of Sept. 2019: _____

School Attending: _____

Allergies/Special Needs?: _____

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TUITION

St. Julia parish recognizes what an important commitment Faith Formation is for families. We try to keep tuition and fees to a minimum that still allows us to purchase the text books, class supplies and other materials we need for our program. If you would like to request tuition assistance for any reason, please contact Cindy Harrington in the Faith Formation office. *Thank you!*

ABOUT OUR FEES:

Full tuition is required for the first two children enrolled.

Supplemental registration for a third child costs only \$50 and subsequent children are free. **Sacramental Preparation Fees** are required for children preparing for First Communion (typically 2nd Grade) and for Confirmation Candidates during their FIRST year Confirmation preparation. This fee covers the cost of meetings, mailings, supplies, programs, etc. for Sacramental Preparation.

Faith Formation Tuition		Subtotal
Registration Child 1	\$175	
Registration Child 2	\$175	
Registration (supplemental)- 1 max	\$50	
Sacramental Fee First Eucharist Grade 2	\$50	
Sacramental Fee Confirmation – First Year	\$50	
I would like to make a donation* of		

**Your generosity will provide tuition assistance for a family in need. Thank you!*

Grand Total = _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please provide payment with your registration, or drop off in the Faith Formation Mailbox (*outside, in the walkway between rectory and Parish Center doors*). Checks only made payable to St. Julia Parish will be accepted. **Your child(ren) will not be considered "Registered" until full payment has been received and all documentation, including baptism certificates, have been received.**

Please return pages 3-6 completed and signed, along with check, to:

**St. Julia Parish
374 Boston Post Road
Weston, MA 02493**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

SEPTEMBER 23, 7:00 PM – PARENT/FAMILY MEETING GRADES 1-6 (THROUGH ZOOM)

OCTOBER 24 – GENERATIONS OF FAITH (THROUGH ZOOM)

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