

All Saints Parish Faith Formation Handbook & Calendar 2019-2020

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Matthew 5:9



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September 2019

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you to the Faith Formation Program of All Saints Parish. This booklet will provide you with the calendar and procedures regarding the Grade 1 through Confirmation program. Please review all of the information and keep this booklet as a reference during this school year.

This year, our Faith Formation theme is:

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. (Matthew 5:9).

This verse is from the Gospel of Matthew where Jesus is preaching to his disciples about the Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus explains the attitudes his followers should have in order to bring God's Kingdom to life, such as being meek, righteous, merciful, poor in spirit, and a peacemaker. This year we will focus on being peacemakers and working for greater unity and understanding in our classes, homes, communities, and in our world.

We believe that faith should be nurtured by the church community and by our families. Our role is to support you by providing your child with classroom faith formation instruction. You can further build upon this foundation by attending weekly Mass and praying together, reading about our faith, discussing classroom assignments/activities, and living the Gospel message each day.

We encourage you to become involved in the program by volunteering to assist with teaching, projects, retreats, music, out-reach projects, and to share any special skills you have to offer. Please contact the office with any suggestions or ideas to help all of us on our Journey in Faith.

We look forward to a wonderful year ahead!

Sincerely,

Caryn Shanahan
Faith Formation Coordinator
All Saints Parish

All Saints Parish Faith Formation Office: Phone: 433-5792

Address: St. Joseph's Rectory and Oratory of All Saints - 391 Market Street, Lockport, NY 14094

Web Address: www.allsaintslockport.org>Click on Faith Formation Link

Office Hours: Wednesday 5:30 – 8 pm, Saturday 8:30 am – 1:00 pm, Sunday – by appointment

Faith Formation Coordinator: Mrs. Caryn Shanahan

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All Saints Parish/Church Rectory: Phone: 433-3707

Address: 76 Church Street, Lockport, NY 14094

Web Address: www.allsaintslockport.org>Click on Ministry Link

Pastor: Rev. Walter Szczesny

Pastoral Associate: Fr. Jerry Bartko, OSFS

Secretary: Mary Margaret Conley

Business Manager: Mary Ann Bernard

Mass Schedule

- Saturday Evening: 4 p.m.
- Sundays: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
- Weekdays: 7:30 a.m. (Monday – Friday)

Confession

- Saturday: 3:00 p.m. or by appointment

Registration:

All families of students enrolled in the Faith Formation Program are expected to be registered members of All Saints Parish. If you are not registered as parishioners of All Saints Parish, please contact the Parish Rectory prior to enrolling your children in the Faith Formation program.

Registration forms are available online at: Web Address: www.allsaintslockport.org>Faith Formation Link. Proof of Baptism and all other Sacraments are required for all new students entering the program.

Students attending Catholic schools **are required** to attend Faith Formation classes in Sacrament years for First Reconciliation (Grade 2), First Communion (Grade 3), and Confirmation Year 2 (Grade 10). In addition, Catholic school students are welcome to attend anytime for additional Faith Formation classes.

Attendance Issues:

It is expected that students are to arrive to class on time and to attend all scheduled classes, unless there is an illness or family obligation.

If you know that your child will be absent, please call or email the Faith Formation Office prior to the beginning of class. A written excuse from the parent or guardian is needed upon the student's return to class explaining the absence.

You may also put in writing any upcoming dates that your child is unable to attend and provide this to the teacher. The teacher will provide missed work that can be completed by the student in order to make the absence excused.

Students are expected to complete any missing assignment because of his/her absence.

Grades 1 – 3: Teacher assigned materials

Grades 4 – 8: Sunday Gospel Reflection (see below)

Grades Yr 1 & Yr 2 Confirmation – Sunday Gospel Reflection (see below) **and**
Teacher assigned *Chosen* classroom textbook

Sunday Gospel Reflection: Absence Assignment for Students in Grades 4 – Confirmation YR 2

If your child is absent from Faith Formation class, please have your child complete the following assignment in order to make the absence excused:

- Attend Sunday Mass following your child's absence from class.
- Have your child read the Sunday Gospel with you and discuss the story and its meaning.
 - Resources you can use to complete this assignment:
 - Use the All Saints Parish App (see front cover)
 - "Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families 2019-20" which you received at the Faith Formation Parent Meeting September 2019
 - Go online to www.usccb.org and click on the calendar to get the Readings for the day
 - Go online to www.loyolapress.com>Sunday Connection
 - Watch the Sunday Morning Mass (Buffalo Diocese) on TV/Cable
- After reading and discussing the Gospel, have your child write a one page report (hand written or typed) which includes a summary of the Gospel (1-2 paragraphs) and the meaning of this Gospel to his/her faith life.
- Return the reflection to your teacher at your next class.

Once the missing **assignment is completed**, the student will receive an **excused absence** from the missed class.

For extended periods of absence from the program, the parent should contact the Coordinator of Faith Formation to discuss options for their child.

Note that four (4) or more **unexcused absences** results in meeting with Coordinator/Pastor to discuss the readiness for the program. Our primary goal is to provide options for students who are unable to attend class due to illness, sports, school, or family obligations. Thank you for your support and efforts at home. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Dismissal:

For the Saturday program (Grades 1-6): All parents should pick up their child inside St. Joseph's Oratory (391 Market Street) at the end of class. The students and teachers will gather at 10:20 a.m. for announcements and a closing prayer. Please join us during this time. Dismissal will occur at 10:30 from the Oratory.

For the Wednesday program (Grades 7 - Confirmation YR 2): Students will be dismissed from the Carra Center rear parking lot door facing the St. Joseph Oratory at 8 PM under the direction of the teachers/staff. Please follow traffic flow patterns marked in the Carra Center Parking lot which allow students to be picked up at the rear door.

If your child needs to leave **prior to dismissal**, a parent must notify the Faith Formation office (via email or phone) prior to the start of the class and the parent is required to come into the building to get their child for all grade levels.

The parking lot becomes very busy during arrival and dismissal times and can become very wet and icy during seasonal changes. Please remind your children about safety in the parking lots.

Weather Related Cancellations:

In the event of inclement weather, see Channel 2 (WGRZ) or www.wgrz.com (Closing Central) for any cancellations. This information will also be posted on the Parish App and on our Facebook page.

Behavior and Expectations:

An attitude of respect for all people and appropriate behavior is expected from all students at All Saints Parish at all times. Our behavior should reflect the Christian attitude that we believe. Any situation that shows a lack of respect will result in a conference with the Coordinator and/or Pastor.

All students are expected to dress in an appropriate manner according to Diocesan Guidelines. Please check with the office if you have questions regarding their policy.

There is a No-Tech policy in the classroom, including no I-Pads or cell phones. If necessary, such items will be held in the office and returned to the parent.

Volunteer Opportunities for Students

There are many opportunities for students to volunteer in our parish, especially for Confirmation or school service hours. Please contact the Faith Formation Coordinator for more information.

Mass Attendance and Hosting of Family Liturgy

The All Saints Faith Formation Program is Gospel based as each class reviews the upcoming Sunday Gospel. ***Our expectation is that all students attend weekly Sunday Mass.***

Students in Grades 1 through Confirmation Year 2 will participate in a Sunday Family Liturgy Mass with hospitality celebration during the school year.

For Sunday Family Liturgy Masses, the students will act as greeters, readers, gift bearers, and assist in parish hospitality (coffee, desserts & fruit) after the Sunday morning 11 a.m. Mass in the All Saints Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday 11 a.m. Family Liturgy Masses will be held @ All Saints Church (76 Church St)

SEPT 29, 2019	Grade 5/6
OCT 20, 2019	Grade 7/8
NOV 24, 2019	Confirmation YR 2 **Commitment Mass
JAN 19, 2020	Grade 2
FEB 16, 2020	Grade 4
MAR 22, 2020	Grade 1 & Confirmation YR 1

Alternative Wednesday Class - Lenten Celebration @ All Saints Church (76 Church St)

FEB 26, 2020	Ash Wednesday Stations of the Cross & Distribution of Ashes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students are to meet teachers @ 6:30 p.m. in All Saints Church.• Students will lead the parish in this Lenten Celebration which will begin at 7 p.m. Families and friends are encouraged to attend.• Dismissal will follow at the conclusion of the event to parents/guardians inside All Saints Church.
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Sacramental Preparation:

For students who are receiving First Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation, there are additional requirements. See below for those specific requirements.

First Reconciliation:

Parent Meeting: Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the St. Joseph Oratory. One parent must attend while their child attends class.

Retreat - Saturday, February 1, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the St. Joseph Oratory. One parent must attend with the child to share in the special project and lesson in preparation to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

First Reconciliation Day – Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until approximately 10:30 a.m. in the St. Joseph Oratory. Parents are expected to attend this Sacramental celebration. Parents and family are invited participate in their own Reconciliation. We will have additional priests to accommodate all who wish to participate.

There will be a reception in the St. Joseph Oratory Hall after the service. All are welcome to attend.

First Communion:

Parent Meeting: Saturday, November 16, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the St. Joseph Oratory. One parent must attend while the child attends class.

Retreat - Saturday, April 4, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the St Joseph Oratory. One parent must attend with the child to assist in the special project and lesson in preparation to receive their First Communion. The day includes a Teaching Mass and family luncheon.

Practice – Saturday, May 2, 2020 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. in **All Saints Church** (76 Church St). Each child must attend the practice. Parents do not need to attend.

First Eucharist Day – Sunday, May 3, 2020 – A special First Communion Mass begins at 1:00 p.m. until approximately 2:15 p.m. in **All Saints Church** (76 Church St). Family and friends of the First Eucharist candidates are welcome to attend.

Confirmation (Year 1 and YR 2)

Students are admitted into the Confirmation Program beginning at Grade 9 and as late as Grade 11. The Confirmation Program is a 2-year program. Students who attend Grade 9 in a Catholic High School are exempt from Year 1 of the Confirmation program.

Attendance at class will be evaluated and if absenteeism is excessive (4 or more classes) and unexcused, the student and parent(s) will be asked to meet with the pastor and Faith Formation Coordinator to discuss whether the student is ready to make his/her Confirmation.

Confirmation Year 1 Events:

Students in Confirmation Yr 1 are required to complete coursework, participate in a Parish service project, and attend Sunday Mass. Further information regarding these requirements will be discussed in class.

Wednesday, October 9, 2019 - YR 1 Confirmation Parent/Student **mandatory** Meeting during class time in Carra Center classroom (391 Market Street, Lockport) from 6:30 – 8 pm. At this meeting, parents and students will discuss the Year 1 Confirmation program and requirements with teachers and the Coordinator.

Confirmation Year 2 Events:

Students in Confirmation Yr 2 are required to complete coursework, the class-guided service project, attend Sunday Mass, and attend the mandatory Retreat during Year 2 of the Program.

Wednesday, October 2, 2019 - YR 2 Confirmation Parent/Student **mandatory** Meeting during class time in Carra Center classroom (391 Market Street, Lockport) from 6:30 – 8 pm. At this meeting, parents and students will discuss the Year 2 Confirmation program and requirements with teachers and the Coordinator.

Sunday, March 29, 2020 - YR 2 Confirmation Day Retreat. Confirmation students are required to attend the day retreat at Niagara University in Lewistown, New York from noon – 8 pm. Parent/guardian shall provide transportation. If the student is unable to attend this retreat, an alternative retreat in Buffalo Diocese program is required.

Sunday, May 17, 2020 – Sunday Mass and YR 2 Confirmation Practice with Sponsor – Attend 11 am Mass at All Saints Church with Confirmation Sponsor, followed by Confirmation practice from noon - 12:30 pm at All Saints Church. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

Sunday, May 31, 2020 – Sunday Mass and Sacrament of Confirmation with Sponsor at St. Joseph Cathedral in Buffalo, New York @ 3 pm. Family and Friends are welcome to attend.

All Saints Parish
2019-20 Schedule for Grades 1 to 6
SATURDAY: 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
St. Joseph's Carra Center

September	8	Parent Meeting (For Gr. 1-Confirmation YR 2): Sunday at 9:45 AM @ All Saints Church Parish Hall
September	14	First Class for Grades 1 to 6
	21	Class
	28	Class. (Family Liturgy 9/29 @ 11 AM Mass)
October	5	Class & St. Francis Animal Blessing @ 10:30 AM
	12	No Class – Columbus Day Holiday
	19	Class (Family Liturgy 10/20 @ 11 AM Mass)
	26	Class & Protecting God's Children Safety Presentation
November	2	Class & Grade 2 Parent Meeting @ St. Joseph Oratory
	9	Class
	16	Class & Grade 3 Parent Meeting @ St. Joseph Oratory
	23	Class (Family Liturgy 11/24 @ 11 AM Mass & Confirmation YR 2 Commitment)
	30	No Class – Thanksgiving Holiday
December	7	Class
	14	Class
	21	No Class – Christmas Holiday
	28	No Class – Christmas Holiday
January	4	No Class – Teacher/Teacher Aide Meeting Day
	11	Class
	18	Class (Family Liturgy 1/19 @ 11 AM Mass)
	25	Class
February	1	Class & Grade 2 First Reconciliation Retreat @ St. Joseph Oratory
	8	Class
	15	Class (Family Liturgy 2/16 @ 11 AM Mass)
	22	No Class – Winter Break
	29	Class
March	7	Class
	14	Class & First Reconciliation Day for Grade 2 @ St. Joseph Oratory
	21	Class (Family Liturgy 3/22 @ 11 AM Mass)
	28	Last Class for Grade 1 – 6
April	4	First Communion Retreat @ St. Joseph Oratory 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Grade 3 candidates and parents only)
May	2	First Communion Practice @ All Saints Church 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (Grade 3 candidates only)
May	3	First Communion Sunday @ All Saints Church Mass at 1:00 p.m.

All Saints Parish
2019-20 Schedule for Grade 7 to Confirmation Year 2
WEDNESDAY 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
St. Joseph's Carra Center

September	8	Parent Meeting (For Gr. 1-Confirmation YR 2): Sunday at 9:45 AM @ All Saints Church Parish Hall
September	25	First Class for Grades 7/8 to Confirmation Yr 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Family Liturgy 9/29 @ 11 AM Mass)
October	2	Class & Confirmation YR 2 Parent Meeting during class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Francis Animal Blessing 10/5 @ 10:30 AM Carra Center Parking Lot
	9	Class & Confirmation YR 1 Parent Meeting during class
	16	Class (Family Liturgy 10/20 @ 11 AM Mass)
	23	Class
	30	Class & Protecting God's Children Safety Presentation Internet/Media
November	6	Class
	13	Class
	20	Class (Family Liturgy 11/24 @ 11 AM Mass & Confirmation YR 2 Commitment)
	27	No Class – Thanksgiving Holiday
December	4	Class
	11	Class
	18	No Class – Christmas Holiday
	25	No Class – Christmas Holiday
January	1	No Class – Christmas Holiday
	8	Class
	15	Class (Family Liturgy 1/19 @ 11 AM Mass)
	22	Class
	29	Class
February	5	Class
	12	Class (Family Liturgy 2/16 @ 11 AM Mass)
	19	No Class –Winter Break
	26	Alternative Class – ASH WEDNESDAY Stations of the Cross & Distribution of Ashes. Students to arrive @ 6:30 p.m. All Saints Church (76 Church St)
March	4	Class
	11	Class
	18	Class (Family Liturgy 3/22 @ 11 AM Mass)
	25	Last Class for Grade 7 – Confirmation YR 2
March	29	Confirmation YR 2 Day Retreat @ Niagara University Noon – 8 p.m.
May	17	YR 2 Confirmation Practice with Sponsor – Attend 11 am Mass followed by Confirmation practice from 12- 12:30 pm at All Saints Church
May	31	YR 2 The Sacrament of Confirmation – St. Joseph Cathedral in Buffalo, New York @ 3 pm

Teacher and Teacher Aides

We would like to thank all of our Teachers and Teacher Aides who have volunteered to share their knowledge and faith with our children. May God bless them!

First Grade: Lena Casalnuovu
Aide: Sarah Pasceri
Aide: Karen Casalnuovo

Second Grade: Stephanie Wheeler
Aide: Tara Linnan
Aide: Kelly Foltz-Ramos

Third Grade: Erin Lawson
Aide: Tina Burke
Aide: Staci Pike

Fourth Grade: Sr. Mary Asarese

Fifth/Six Grade: Chantal Johnson
Aide: Brianna Johnson

Seventh/Eighth Grade: Kerri Kerr and Jim Mazur
Aide: Brandon Mazur

Confirmation Yr 1: John Tolli
Aide: Cecilia Mauger

Confirmation Yr 2: Judy Rodreguiz
Gary Rodreguiz
Jessica Rodreguiz