


**All Saints Parish
Faith Formation
Handbook & Calendar
2018-19**

I AM THE Way,
THE Truth,
AND THE Life. 
NO ONE COMES
TO THE *Father*
EXCEPT THROUGH ME.
JOHN 14:6



September 2018

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:

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6).

This verse is from the Gospel of John where Jesus is speaking to his disciples after the Last Supper. Jesus is telling them and us that he is the only way to the Father and that he is truth. By following these words of Jesus, we will have an abundant life that is eternal. This Gospel message of love allows us to use our words and actions to teach others about our faith making disciples of all the nations.

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,

Molly McClenathan
Faith Formation Coordinator
All Saints Parish

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

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

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

Faith Formation Coordinator: Ms. Molly McClenathan

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Faith Formation Assistant Coordinator: Mrs. Melissa Croff

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All Saints Parish 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 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.

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.

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. Once the missing assignments are 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.

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 Thursday 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 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.

Hosting of Family Liturgy

Students in Grades 1 through Confirmation will participate in a Mass celebration during the school year. All students are strongly encouraged to participate in this special celebration.

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 o'clock Mass in the All Saints Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

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

SEPT 30, 2018	Grade 5
OCT 21, 2018	Grade 7/8
NOV 18, 2018	Confirmation YR 2 **Commitment Mass
JAN 20, 2019	Grade 4 & 6
FEB 17, 2019	Grade 2
MAR 24, 2019	Confirmation YR 1

Additional class day Masses (only) at St. Joseph Oratory (391 Market St) at listed times

NOV 1, 2018	Thursday Classes led by Confirmation: All Saints Day Mass at St. Joseph Oratory @ 7:15 PM
DEC 8, 2018	Saturday Class led by Grade 3: Immaculate Conception Mass at St. Joseph Oratory @ 9:15 AM with Grade 1 St. Nicholas Shoe Blessing

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, October 27, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the St. Joseph Oratory. One parent must attend while their child attends class. The home study book will be distributed and explained at this meeting.

Retreat - Saturday, February 2, 2019 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 9, 2019 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 10, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the St. Joseph Oratory. One parent must attend while the child attends class. The home study book will be distributed and explained at this meeting.

Retreat - Saturday, April 6, 2019 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 4, 2019 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. in **All Saints Parish** (76 Church St). Each child must attend the practice. Parents do not need to attend.

First Eucharist Day – Sunday, May 5, 2019 – A special First Communion Mass begins at 1:00 p.m. until approximately 2:15 p.m. in **All Saints Parish** (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.

Students currently preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation are required to complete coursework, service projects, and a mandatory retreat during Year 2 of the Program.

YR 2 Confirmation Day Retreat – Sunday, March 31, 2019 at Niagara University

YR 2 Confirmation Practice with Sponsor - Saturday, June 1, 2019 at All Saints Church

YR 2 Sacrament of Confirmation – Sunday, June 9, 2019 at St. Joseph Cathedral in Buffalo, New York

*Additional information will be provided about the Retreat, Practice, and Sacrament as the year progresses.

All Saints Parish
2018-19 Schedule for Grades 1 to 6
Saturdays: 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
St. Joseph's Carra Center

September	9	Parent Meeting (For Gr. 1-Confirmation YR 2): Sunday at 9:45 a.m. @ All Saints Parish Hall
September	15	First Class for Grades 1 to 6
	22	Class
	29	Class & St. Francis Animal Blessing @ 10:30 a.m. (Family Liturgy 9/30 @ 11 AM Mass)
October	6	No Class – Columbus Day Holiday
	13	Class
	20	Class (Family Liturgy 10/21 @ 11 AM Mass)
	27	Class & Grade 2 Parent Meeting @ St. Joseph Oratory
November	3	Class
	10	Class & Grade 3 Parent Meeting @ St. Joseph Oratory
	17	Class (Family Liturgy 11/18 @ 11 AM Mass & Confirmation YR 2 Commitment)
	24	No Class – Thanksgiving Holiday
December	1	Class
	8	Class - Feast Day Immaculate Conception Mass @ St. Joseph Oratory 9:15 AM
	15	No Class – Christmas Holiday
	22	No Class – Christmas Holiday
	29	No Class – Christmas Holiday
January	5	No Class – Teacher/Teacher Aide Meeting Day
	12	Class
	19	Class (Family Liturgy 1/20 @ 11 AM Mass)
	26	Class
February	2	Class & Grade 2 First Reconciliation Retreat @ St. Joseph Oratory
	9	Class
	16	Class (Family Liturgy 2/17 @ 11 AM Mass)
	23	No Class –Winter Break
March	2	Class
	9	Class & First Reconciliation Day for Grade 2 @ St. Joseph Oratory
	16	Class
	23	Last Class for Grade 1 – 6 (Family Liturgy 3/24 @ 11 AM Mass)
April	6	First Communion Retreat @ St. Joseph Oratory 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Grade 3 candidates and parents only)
May	4	First Communion Practice @ All Saints Parish 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (Grade 3 candidates only)
May	5	First Communion Sunday @ All Saints Parish Mass at 1:00 p.m.

All Saints Parish
2018 - 19 Schedule for Grade 7 to Confirmation Year 2
Thursday 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
St. Joseph's Carra Center

September	9	Parent Meeting (For Gr. 1-Confirmation YR 2): Sunday at 9:45 a.m. @ All Saints Parish Hall
September	27	First Class for Grades 7/8 to Confirmation Yr 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Francis Animal Blessing 9/29 @ Carra Center Parking Lot • Family Liturgy 9/30 @ 11 AM Mass
October	4	Class & Confirmation YR 2 Parent Meeting
	11	Class
	18	Class (Family Liturgy 10/21 @ 11 AM Mass)
	25	Class
November	1	Class Feast of All Saints Day Mass @ St. Joseph Oratory 7:15 PM
	8	Class
	15	Class (Family Liturgy 11/18 @ 11 AM Mass & Confirmation YR 2 Commitment)
	22	No Class – Thanksgiving Holiday
	29	Class
December	6	Class
	13	No Class – Christmas Holiday
	20	No Class – Christmas Holiday
	27	No Class – Christmas Holiday
January	3	No Class – Christmas Holiday
	10	Class
	17	Class (Family Liturgy 1/20 @ 11 AM Mass)
	24	Class
	31	Class
February	7	Class
	14	Class (Family Liturgy 2/17 @ 11 AM Mass)
	21	No Class –Winter Break
	28	Class
March	7	Class
	14	Class
	21	Class (Family Liturgy 3/24 @ 11 AM Mass)
	28	Last Class for Grade 7 – Confirmation YR 2
	31	Confirmation YR 2 Day Retreat – Niagara University
June	1	Confirmation YR 2 with Sponsor Practice for Sacrament of Confirmation
June	9	Confirmation YR2 Pentecost Sunday – St. Joseph Cathedral, Buffalo, New York

Confirmation is a two year program beginning as early as Grade 9 and as late as Grade 11. Note that students who attend a Catholic High School for Grade 9 are exempt from YR 1 Confirmation program.

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: Michelle Bernardi
Aide: Tina Burke

Second Grade: Stephanie Wheeler
Aide: Karen Casalnuovo

Third Grade: Erin Lawson
Aide: Cecilia Mauger
Aide: Jacqueline Hackmer
Aide: William Hackmer

Fourth Grade: Sr. Mary Asarese

Fifth Grade: Chantal Johnson
Aide: Brianna Johnson

Six Grade: Kristen HamEister

Elementary Aides: Lena/Clare Casalnuovo

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

Confirmation Yr 1: John Tolli
Aide: Sharon Berger

Confirmation Yr 2: Judy Rodreguiz
Gary Rodreguiz
Jessica Rodreguiz