



# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Faith Formation Program 2018-2019

Including Student & Home Based Programs

## *Registration Information and Forms*

Thank you for continuing your family faith journey with Our Lady. As in the past, we are offering both a student-based program and a home-based program.

Our mission and goal is Gospel oriented: to form disciples as individuals, as families, and as a parish. We will accomplish this by providing a variety of opportunities for both personal and family growth in our Catholic faith and traditions. We want to continue to support your faith journey, enhance your role as the primary catechists of your children, and to be a resource as we all mature in Jesus Christ.

In addition to our religious education programs, there are sacramental preparation programs for those families and children seeking to celebrate First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

To reach our Faith Formation Program mission and goals, our program is divided into two cycles, Autumn 2018 and Winter 2019. Please review the enclosed calendar and schedule for the specific times and dates.

### *Autumn 2018 Session: September through December*

**September** is our kick off month. Parents in both programs are expected to participate in either the Sunday afternoon or Monday evening session. Each session will feature a different noted speaker. The session will end with an important explanation of our programs and family lesson plans. Student/family books will be distributed.

**October and November** are our Family Faith and Fun Nights. Parents and students are expected to attend either the Sunday or Monday option. Come prepared with finished lesson plans. **December** is our Family Advent Celebration.

## ***Winter 2019 Session: Student-based Program***

### **Grade K – Grade 5 Monday OR Tuesday Afternoon 3:45-5:15 p.m.**

If your child attends Aurora City Schools, school bus transportation to our program is provided (though not required). See the Aurora Schools website for consent form. For families not in the Aurora City School system, transportation must be provided.

### **Grades 6, 7, & 8 Sunday Morning 9:15-10:45 a.m.**

#### **OR Monday Evening 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

The Diocese of Youngstown requires two years of religious education and faithful attendance in the FFP program before the sacrament of Confirmation can be conferred.

Recognizing our busy schedules, conflicts, illness and unforeseen events, we have developed a flexible program for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> students who miss a class session. Examples: 1. If a student registered for the Sunday class is unable to attend the Sunday session, the student must attend the Monday evening class. 2. If a student registered for the Monday class anticipates a conflict with a Monday session, the student must attend the prior Sunday session. 3. If a student misses both the Sunday and Monday class, the student must contact the FFP Director and get a written assignment to be turned in before the next scheduled class.

The Confirmation Program involves meetings, projects and assignments in addition to these weekly FFP classes.

## ***Winter 2019 Session: Home-Based Program***

This inter-generational program is designed to assist parents who are sharing their faith with their children in the home context.

In addition to the Autumn Session, families meet for the 11:00 am Mass on the scheduled dates and gather afterwards in the Parish Hall for the afternoon session. All families will be involved in providing lunch for the participating families.

Completed books are due at the end of April to receive religious education credit for the year.

According to diocesan policies, those anticipating First Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation must faithfully attend all of the home-based session and participate fully in the sacramental preparation sessions.