

**ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION**

No young person is ever allowed to wait unattended for a parent to pick them up. If it is necessary to leave class early, please let us know by sending in a note and come to the front door to pick your child up. The safety of our youth is a responsibility we take seriously. Therefore, the interior Parish Center doors will be locked at 12:00 Noon. If you need to get in the building, please ring the door bell in the lobby and our gate keeper will assist you.

Please notify us if you have a change of address or telephone number so we will be able to reach you in case of an emergency.

CANCELLATIONS

If classes must be cancelled, particularly in the event of inclement weather, a notice will be posted through many of the media organizations in the area, including local news stations and local newspaper websites.

PARENTS AS CATECHISTS

*“..the family is the essential and first place where catechesis occurs, **complemented** by the school, or religious education program...parents, catechists, and school teachers should collaborate to use every suitable moment to lead the child to Christ.”*
(The GDC in plain English)

As catechists and parents, we are laying a faith foundation. We introduce our children to the Catholic faith and link them to a worshipping community that lives the message of Jesus in our world. Please let us know if there are any ways in which we can further assist you.

CALENDAR

Faith Formation sessions are held at the Holy Trinity Parish Center on Sunday morning / afternoon 11:45am–1:00pm

*****2018*****

September 16	Opening Day—9:00 AM	
	Mass with Bishop Scharfenberger	
September 23	Class	
September 30	Class	
October 14	Class	
October 21	Class	
November 4	Class	
November 11	Class	
November 18	Class	
December 2	Class	
December 9	Class	
December 16	Class	

*****2019*****

January 6	Class	
January 13	Class	
January 27	Class	
February 3	Class	
February 10	Class	
March 3	Class	
March 10	Class	
March 24	Class	
March 31	Class	
April 7	Class	
April 14	Last Class	

Parent Meeting s for 9th & 10th Levels TBA

Like Holy Trinity Parish of Cohoes to keep up to date with changes and cancellations.



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**YOUTH MINISTRY /
FAITH FORMATION**

GRADES 7-10

2018-2019

Reverend Brian K. Slezak
Pastor, Holy Trinity Parish

Mrs. Margaret Stockwell
Coordinator of Youth Ministry
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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To register a student please fill out the registration form and submit it with the fee to the parish office.

FEES

Fees for participants in all grade levels K-10 are:

\$50.00 for one child; \$70.00 for two Youth in the same family; \$100.00 for three or more Youth in the same family.*

**No one is ever denied entrance into the program if the fee is a problem. Simply contact Mrs. Margaret Stockwell at (518) 237-2373.*

SERVICE

Youth in our Faith Formation program are encouraged to participate in service opportunities to help their neighbors and people in their community, near and far, who are in need, as Jesus asked us to do. Participation in a service activity helps youth to better grasp the concept of loving our neighbor, and it offers the opportunity to learn more about themselves and the needs of others.

A variety of activities will be offered through the Faith Formation program and other parish activities. School or individual service will be taken into account as well.

POLICIES

All students registered in the program are expected to attend sessions regularly, to worship weekly, and to participate in ongoing service. At all times they should show respect to their catechist, classmates and their surroundings, and be respectful and attentive during all times of prayer, worship, or quiet reflection. If difficulties arise in any of these areas they will be attended to privately on an individual basis with the Faith Formation Coordinator, the parents, the catechist and the pastor.

Whenever your child is unable to attend the faith formation session, please email htpfaithformation@gmail.com, if possible.

A WORD ABOUT WORSHIP



There is simply **no substitute** for regular (weekly) active participation in the **Mass**. The documents of the Second Vatican Council refer to our celebration of Eucharist as “**the source and summit**” of all that we do. The Mass calls us to be disciples of Jesus Christ, **nourishes us** for that task and then **sends us** forth to practice our faith in the coming week. We are never too young or too old to worship.

CURRICULUM MATERIALS

Our Course materials are designed to help nurture the faith and discipleship of young adolescents and helps them make connections between their Catholic faith and their everyday lives.

(CURRICULUM MATERIALS , CONT ' D .)

We also are mindful of the need to assist parents in their role as primary catechist of their children. As such, supplemental resources may be made available on line or as handouts that might be given out in class.

Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend special programs designed for both parents and teens scheduled through the year. Notifications and reminders will be made via email.

Grades 9 and 10 will concentrate on Faith and Current Issues, Discipleship and Living in the Spirit as part of their preparation for choosing the Sacrament of Confirmation at the conclusion of their second year.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

One preparation program for Confirmation is offered to all eligible young people of Holy Trinity Parish, whether they attend a Catholic school or our parish Faith Formation sessions. This preparation is open to all in 10th grade and *above*.

A parent meeting will be held in September to discuss the particulars of our Confirmation Preparation. If your child has not received Baptism, Reconciliation or Eucharist, please contact Mrs. Margaret Stockwell at (518) 237-2373 to arrange a preparation program.