



CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new year of religious formation at the Church of St. Joseph! Passing on our Catholic faith in Jesus Christ to our children is one of the most important things we do. It is our privilege, as a parish, to support, guide, and partner with parents in this work. Last year's experience of the pandemic taught us valuable lessons about gathering together as a community of faith. Our approach this year combines a flexible learning approach with meaningful in-person gatherings for children and whole families.

Family Sessions

In our family-based model of catechesis, families will gather at the church 6 times during the year for prayer, learning, and community time. These mandatory sessions will be for the whole family together—parents and children in grades 1-8—providing a chance to learn and grow as a family.

Coursework

Additional coursework will be completed by children at home, on their own schedule. This approach gives families maximum flexibility to harmonize with their own complex schedules and allows for parents and children to engage in the material together, when possible.

Mass

Weekly in-person participation in Mass is the heart and soul of Catholic life and is absolutely essential for growing in relationship with Jesus and His Church. Attending Mass, as a family, is not easy but it is a crucial part of our religious formation. I know it is a weekly challenge to gather everyone together to get out the door, especially if you have fallen out of the habit, but I promise you that the Lord will never be outdone in generosity for those sacrifices of love.

Some practical details:

Registration is now open. Forms are included in this mailing and available on the parish website stjoesmendham.org. We have streamlined the registration process and fee structure to make things as simple as possible. Please contact our formation staff with any questions.

Materials will be distributed in the Narthex the weekend of October 2nd and 3rd after all Masses.

I pray that God blesses you and your family.

Sincerely,

Rev. Msgr. Joseph T. Anginoli, J.C.L.
Pastor