

MIDDLE SCHOOL 2020-2021 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM - SUNDAY
Holy Trinity Parish
227 Sea Street
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GOAL OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

To recognize each child as a gift from God and to let her or him grow in the Catholic faith through an awareness of God's presence in their lives as important members of the Holy Trinity Parish community. To achieve this goal, our faith formation classes include catechesis using Pflaum Gospel Weeklies with small group discussions on how the Gospel is applicable to life in the contemporary age through a sharing of personal stories and experiences. The curriculum includes studying the saints as role models for our youth, time for prayer, religious practice, and learning activities to grow in faith, knowledge, and fellowship.

LEARNING MODEL FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

In light of the ongoing pandemic, Holy Trinity Parish will adopt an online model of learning for the Middle School program during the 2020-2021 school year. Classes will meet online two times a month on Sundays at 9:15 AM. In addition, regularly attending Sunday Mass and receiving the Eucharist is an important part of faith formation and the practice of the faith. All Sundays are obligatory for the faithful to participate in the Mass. The weekend schedule of Masses at Holy Trinity Parish is as follows:

Most Blessed Sacrament Church: Saturday 4:30 PM and Sunday 8:30 AM

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church: Saturday 6:00 PM and Sunday 10:30 AM

All Masses are live streamed and recordings stored at the HTP Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/holytrinityquincy/>

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

November 1, 2020 (All Saints' Day)

December 8, 2020 (Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

December 25, 2020 (Christmas)

January 1, 2021 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

May 13, 2021 (Ascension of Jesus)

August 15, 2021 (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

APPROACH TO ONLINE LEARNING

Online learning requires self-discipline

- Be punctual by signing in at least 5 minutes prior to the scheduled class start time
- Resolve technical issues ahead of class time
- Find a quiet place in the home to attend class within the Wi-Fi router range
- Avoid the use of virtual backgrounds that distract other participants
- Keep cell phones and other devices turned off and preferably away
- Dress as though you were attending class onsite
- No food consumption during class
- Participate in group discussions and other activities
- One login screen per student even for twins
- Parents may login with a student (both on one screen)
- No separate login for an adult who has not been CORI screened (archdiocesan rule)
- Bathroom breaks with leader permission

SCHEDULE

Class Meeting Day and Time: **Sundays 9:15 – 10:15 AM (2 times a month)**

Class Location: **Online**

Catechist: **Roseann Pope**

SYLLABUS

The *Visions* curriculum uses the *Pflaum Gospel Weeklies*.

General Class Format

1. Proclamation of the Gospel for Sunday with group discussion
2. Connecting the Gospel to Catholic doctrine, the Catechism, and Catholic Social Teaching
3. Application of the Gospel to contemporary life
4. Activity or video

No.	Class Date	Gospel Theme
	September 29, 2020	Start of Year Online Parent Meeting 6:30 – 7:30 PM
1	October 4, 2020	PGW: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 21:33-43 The Parable of the Tenants in the Vineyard
2	October 18, 2020	PGW: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 22:15-21 The Question About Paying Taxes
3	November 1, 2020	PGW: Feast of All Saints Matthew 5:1-12a The Sermon on the Mount
4	November 15, 2020	PGW: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21 The Parable of the Three Servants
5	December 6, 2020	PGW: 2nd Sunday of Advent Mark 1:1-8 The Preaching of John the Baptist
6	December 20, 2020	PGW: 4th Sunday of Advent Luke 1:26-38 The Birth of Jesus Is Announced
7	January 10, 2021	PGW: Baptism of the Lord Mark 1:7-11 The Baptism of Jesus
8	January 24, 2021	PGW: 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Mark 1:14-20 Jesus Calls Four Fishermen
9	February 7, 2021	PGW: 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time Mark 1:29-39 Jesus Heals Many People
10	February 21, 2021	PGW: 1st Sunday of Lent Mark 1:12-15 The Temptation of Jesus
11	March 7, 2021	PGW: 3rd Sunday of Lent John 2:13-25 Jesus Enters the Temple
12	March 21, 2021	PGW: 5th Sunday of Lent John 3:14-21 For God So Loved the World
13	April 11, 2021	PGW: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Feast of the Divine Mercy) John 20:19-31 Jesus Appears to His Disciples
14	April 25, 2021	PGW: 4th Sunday of Easter John 10:11-18 Jesus the Good Shepherd
15	May 2, 2021	PGW: 5th Sunday of Easter John 15:1-8 Jesus the Real Vine
16	May 16, 2021	PGW: 6th Sunday of Easter John 15:9-17 Love One Another (May 9 Gospel)

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

FORMED (Augustine Institute)

Families are looking to their faith to guide them through these uncertain times. The Augustine Institute offers the domestic church (the family) excellent content about the Catholic faith ranging from its praxis to instructional material for faith formation at the parochial level. Here you can find resources on praying the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Stations of the Cross, inspiring studies like *Presence*, faith-based movies on Jesus, Mary, Joseph, and the saints. There are plenty of e-books and audios and that you can use on mobile phones. Content viewable on Roku (smart TVs). Available in English and Spanish.

Sign up instructions:

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization"
4. Find Holy Trinity Parish by parish name, address, or zip code
5. Enter your email - and you're in!

PROJECT NAZARETH (Archdiocese of Boston)

Visit <http://www.projectnazareth.org/>

- "Project Nazareth: Faith Begins at Home" is an initiative that will deliver weekly resources to families with children in pre-school through 5th grade
- Gives parents suggestions for how to Pray, Listen, Act and Ponder with a given topic
- Guided by Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Different series within Project Nazareth explore the fundamental Gospel message, the Sunday Mass readings and other special topics such as the Year of the Eucharist
- Not just another lesson to be completed by children at home, but a way to weave their faith formation into the fabric of family life.