

The Cathedral-Basilica of Saint James

Children's Faith Formation Program

2019-2020

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The religious education of our children is a priority for our parish. Our primary goal is to introduce the children to the Catholic faith that enables them to understand the richness of our faith and grow in a personal relationship with God. The program is a cooperative effort between parents and parish leaders that requires commitment from all.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Classes will begin on Sunday, September 15, 2019. Younger children (1st-4th grade) will have class typically two to three Sundays per month at 10am (see accompanying schedule). Older students (5th-8th grade) will complete lessons online, with in-person class held once per month.

EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS

You are the first and primary religious educators for your children. It is our hope that you:

- attend Sunday Mass weekly together (including on non-class Sundays) & pray with your child daily;
- ensure your child attends class regularly;
- actively support your child's faith formation lessons at home, setting aside time for your child to complete assignments; and
- bring any concerns to the attention of Father Bryan or another member of the Faith Formation program.

Additionally, it is the expectation that your child will continue in this Faith Formation program not only during sacrament years, but for the duration of their elementary & middle school years.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

The Diocese of Brooklyn requires children must be regular participants in Faith Formation for one full year *before* preparing for First Communion or Confirmation, or be enrolled in Catholic school.

CHILD SAFETY

Annually, the Diocese of Brooklyn sponsors a Safe Environment Program that is designed to help protect the safety and well-being of our children and is presented yearly in every parish. The information is presented in an age-appropriate format. You, as parents, are most welcome to join us for the presentation, and we encourage you to do so.

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