

Bellworth Park Faith Formation Options 2019-2020

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: 3 years old – 6th Grade

In Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, children, ages 3 through sixth grade meet in an environment containing specially prepared, beautiful materials, different from a typical classroom. This room is known as an atrium, named for the places in the early church where those learning the faith were prepared. Children use the materials in the atrium, aiding their absorption of the theme presented. They have time to meditate on themes such as the Kingdom of God, the Paschal Mystery or the Infancy and Life of Jesus. Learning in this way helps the child enter into a more authentic relationship with God.

This approach to faith formation runs weekly from September through April, offers a variety of day and time options and is located at St. John Neumann in Franklin Park. It is based on Sacred Scripture, liturgy, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori. For further information on CGS click on this link or contact Kelly Reed at kreed@sjnpittsburgh.org.

http://www.cgsusa.org/assets/document/CL_Article_Sept_20154.pdf

Ignite: 6th - 8th Grades

Ignite is faith formation for children in grades 6 through 8. During Ignite sessions children have a lesson presented to them, study scripture, participate in small groups, prayer and engage in icebreaker games and activities. Ignite meets every other week September through April on Wednesday evenings (6:30 - 8:30 pm) in Bovard Hall at Saint John Neumann in Franklin Park. For more information regarding the Ignite Program, contact the Religious Education Office at 412-366-5885.

Traditional Faith Formation/CCD: Kindergarten – 8th Grades

CCD takes place in a classroom setting. It will be offered for children in grades Kindergarten through 8 and will be held at Assumption in Bellevue. Catechists use the Finding God text book series published by Loyola Press for grades K-7. Grade 8 uses Dynamic Catholic's Decision Point Series. CCD runs from September through March. Grades Kindergarten through 4 meet on Monday evenings from 6:15-7:45 pm. Grades 5 through 8 meet Tuesday evenings 6:15-7:45 pm. For more information on CCD, contact Mary Vic Taylor at mvtaylor@bellworthparkcc.org.

Family Based Catechesis: All Ages

Family Catechesis is a model of faith formation that engages the whole family in learning about the faith. Rather than a traditional onsite program or a homeschool program, Family Catechesis invites parents to come to Assumption in Bellevue one Sunday a month to receive the teachings. Families come to the Church together on another week during the month to build community and share the faith, and the remaining two weeks out of the month are spent in the family home exploring the teachings for that month. Family catechesis allows the family to grow in their love and understanding of the Catholic faith together. There is a certain amount of flexibility with this type of catechesis, and it is a great way to build your family around the Catholic faith! For more information on Family Catechesis, contact Mary Vic Taylor at mvtaylor@bellworthparkcc.org.