

ST. JOHN NEUMANN RELIGIOUS FORMATION **GENERAL & SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM POLICIES**

It is expected that the children of the parish Religious Formation Program and their families will attend Mass at SJN every Sunday as it is the basic teaching of our Catholic Faith. The weekly sessions of religious instruction are not an alternative to Sunday Mass. Please view information regarding Religious Formation sponsored Masses.

- **Students are expected to attend class on time and participate each week.** If your child is not going to attend class, please notify the Religious Formation office by phone at 734-455-5986.
- Students are expected to participate in classes and be ready to learn. If a student attends class virtually, student is expected to be prepared and at attention at all times. Cameras must stay on and if student needs to leave for any reason, they need to get permission from the catechist.
- **Students are responsible to bring their textbooks to class each week.** If a student loses his/her book, they may purchase a replacement *BMD* text for a cost of \$20 and *Family Life* text for \$20. The student is responsible for the completion of all assigned class work and homework.
- **Students must behave in a courteous and cooperative manner.** Respect for the Catechist and other student is expected at all times. Should behavior problems arise; parents will be notified promptly by the Director of Religious Formation. A meeting with the parents, Catechist, and Director of Religious Formation will be held in an attempt to resolve the problem. Should behavior problems continue the Pastor will become involved in resolving the problem.
- **Parents are expected to work with their child/children** in order to prepare them for any Sacrament they may be receiving, to assist in learning the required material, and to reinforce classroom religious instruction.
- **Students must have attended religious formation classes for at least one year preceding the Sacramental year; either at SJN or, in the case of new parishioners, another parish program.** A letter of verification may be required. If this is not the case, please notify the Director of Faith Formation ahead of registering for classes to ensure proper placement.
- **Parents must provide necessary information such as Baptismal certificates, etc. when requested.**
- **A student's behavior and knowledge must reflect their personal readiness to celebrate a Sacrament.**
- **A parent or guardian must attend each of the parent meetings held in preparation for a Sacrament.** Parents are asked to cooperate with the Pastor, the Director of Faith Formation and Catechists in preparing their student(s) for these important celebrations in their journey of faith.

Please note: If Plymouth-Canton schools are closed because of inclement weather, Religious Formation classes will also be cancelled that evening. We will send an email or text through the Flock Note system to notify all parents of any sudden closures.

