



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church *Office of Faith Formation*

Plan for 2020-2021 Faith Formation Classes

As we enter the new school year, we recognize the challenges that we face entering the classroom. Below you will find the plan for our Faith Formation classes at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

Elementary Faith Formation, Grades 1-6

Elementary Faith Formation classes will take place through online distancing learning from October through April. Parents will receive monthly emails containing lesson information for the month's unit. At the end of each chapter, students will complete and submit an e-assessment. Teachers will also be available to check in with families, and possibly host some online classes.

Student workbooks will be available for pick up on Sunday, September 27th from 8:30-12:30 in the Seton Hall Gym. Please stop down before or after Mass. Contact Julie if alternate arrangements need to be made for workbook pick up.

While we are not meeting in person for classes, students will have the opportunity to attend quarterly Faith Formation events, and can also participate in our youth groups, Kids 4 Jesus (for kids through Grade 2) and Blue Knights and Little Flowers (Grades 3-5). Both groups meet biweekly and receive monthly materials to help them pray, teach, get moving and serving, and socialize with parents and children fostering their relationship with Jesus. If you are interested in joining either group, please contact John to sign up by September 15th as space is limited.

The Middle School Youth Group for Grades 6-8 participates in weekly activities to help them grow in their faith. You will receive weekly communication on these events.

Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion

Classes will be held virtually with teachers. Students will receive their books during the textbook pick up as mentioned above. Parents will receive an email regarding more information about class dates, times, and links to the online meeting sessions. Various components of the program will require the need of in person participation, such as the teaching Mass and rehearsal. Specific dates and details will be shared when further information and current guidelines are available.

Middle School Faith Formation, Grades 7-8

Middle school classes will meet in person once a month for 7th and 8th graders with COVID precautions, including but not limited to wearing masks and social distancing. Information will be emailed to parents before the first class. For extenuating circumstances, accommodations can be made for those families that require an alternative arrangement. There will be several chapters to be experienced/covered throughout the month as parent engagement in teaching the Faith is critical. The middle school youth group also meets weekly for community service, deepening of faith, socials, current issues they are facing, and more! Please contact John with any questions.

High School Faith Formation, Grades 9-10

Confirmation preparation will remain in person this year. The team evaluated the safety requirements with the needs to provide an effective program. They came to the conclusion that to best build/continue small group relations and discussions of faith/personal feelings, was to remain in person as long as state and school guidance allows.

Modifications will be made to provide a safer environment for the students:

- Classes will be held in the the gym
 - There is more than enough room that groups will be spaced apart
 - Tables will not be used
 - We want to limit the number of common surfaces as much as possible. Only chairs will be used.
 - Surfaces will be disinfected after each group
- There will be no snacks this year
- Masks will be worn the entirety of the time
- Temperature checks may be done as students enter the building

At any time that schools or the state deem in person classes are unsafe, we will pivot to a different model to adhere to those restrictions.

Our weekly High School Youth Ministry program is an optional opportunity for your teen to have safe social interaction while continuing to assist in the growth of their faith. Every event we have takes the precautions and follows the current guidelines to ensure their safety. Further details are found on the High School website or by contacting Nick.

You can still register your child for Faith Formation using the link below. Confirmation registration is available through September 21, 2020. Registration for Grades 1-8 will close in October.

<https://stelizabethville.breezechms.com/form/FF20-21>

Thank you for your continued support of the Faith Formation program and Youth Ministry at S.E.A.S. Please know that you and your families are in our prayers, and we ask for your continued prayers. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Stay Safe and Stay Healthy!

Many Blessings,

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