

Faith Formation

2015-2016



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Dear Family of Faith,

This September the World Meeting of Families is in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (World Meeting 2015). The theme for this visit is: “Love is our Mission: the Family Fully Alive”. Pope Francis’ visit marks the eighth world meeting of Families which takes place on September 22-27, 2015. Our Pope Francis embodies the message of mercy, joy and love at the heart of the Gospel.

St. Irenaeus an early Church Father (teacher), wrote, “the Glory of God is man fully alive”. Your Family is “Fully Alive” and you have to have Game on, just to keep up. Daily living our Faith keeps us “Fully Alive”. Faith Formation is our Parish’s way of assisting you and your family, live your faith.

Elementary Grades 1-5 sessions are after school this year 4-5:30 p.m. There will be an option for Standish-Sterling students to be shuttled to the Faith Formation Center at 3:30 p.m. We are adding a preschool session on Sunday’s for 4-5 year olds and Kindergarten, 11:30 a.m. –1:00p.m. Sessions will be held on the first, second and third Sunday of the month starting on Nov. 1, 2015. Middle School and Senior High Schedule remain the same.

Engaging in your child’s Faith Formation will help them get the most out of their time with us. Take time to meet their catechist and pray for our catechist. We are looking forward to welcoming your family to Faith Formation 2015.

Blessings.

Yours in Christ,
Annette Charchan, CRE/YM

Contact us: **Website:** www.ArenacCatholic.com

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****Please keep this booklet and refer to it for dates, times and requirements for various events.**

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The Child demands full respect and help in its spiritual and human growth. This is also true in catechesis which must always be made available to Christian children. Those who have given life to children and have enriched them with the gift of Baptism have the duty continually to nourish it.

—Quote from General Directory from Catechesis—

Staff

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Faith Formation Office Information

Faith Formation Office Hours:

Tues: 9am —1pm Wed: 12—6pm Thurs: 9am—1pm
Parish Office: 989-846-4101

Religious Formation Fees

Tuition for Religious Formation classes for
**Resurrection of the Lord Parishioners & participating
CoHort Parishes** is as follows:

Religious Education (Grades 1-12)
\$15 per child—not to exceed \$50 per family

Out of CoHort Tuition
\$50 per child

Note: No child of a Resurrection of the Lord registered parishioner will be refused religious formation due to an inability to pay tuition. Partial payments are also acceptable.

Youth Ministry /Saturday Suppers

Suppers will follow the 4:30 Mass
5:30 —7:00pm

This is a time for fellowship and discipleship as a Parish Family. (All are welcome).
This years theme: *Celebrate the Year of Mercy*

2015

Oct. 24th—

Dec. 5th—

Nov. 7th—See below **

Faith Formation

“NEW” Preschool— For ages 4-5 and kindergarten students. Classes will begin, November 1, 2015, class time begins after the 10:30 Mass at the Faith Formation Center.

Middle School—Grades 6-7-8 and **High School** 9-12 classes begin October 4, 2015 (First, second and third Sunday of the month). The fourth Sunday of the month is left open for **Youth Ministry** service projects or events. Please view this as a flexible schedule, Youth Ministry opportunity times vary throughout the year.

****November 7th. Feed the Fire (Mass with the Bishop) at Prince of Peace (St. Anne’s Linwood) 4:15 pm**

Children’s Liturgy of the Word—Oct – May during Sunday Mass: (Pre-School—thru 2nd Grade after receiving 1st Eucharist children should participate in the regular Mass with their parish community).

Children's Ministry

Elementary Faith Formation is an opportunity to support families in preparing their children to make meaningful connections to their lives, applying their faith to the realities of the world today, and preparing them for the moral challenges of the future.

Elementary Faith Formation—Shuttle from SSC at 3:30

Grades 1-5 sessions are offered on Wednesday afternoons (after school). Registered children will be shuttled from Standish-Sterling at 3:30 to the Faith formation Center. A snack will be provided with supervised free time until 4:00. Weekly session time begins 4:00—5:30 pm.

2015-2016 Class Schedule

Wednesdays Grades 1-5

FALL SEMESTER 2015

Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, —Class Session

Nov. 4, 11, 18, —Class Session

2016

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, —Class Session

SPRING SEMESTER 2016

Feb. 3, 17, 24, —Class Session

Mar. 2, 9, 16—Class Session
27—Easter Sunday

Mar. 25 -April 3—Spring Break

Apr. 6, 13, 20, 27—Class Session

May 22—Graduates Mass—Youth Mass
Children's Liturgy of the Word—During Sunday Mass (Oct-May)
Pre-school—2nd Grade

Family Sacramental Ministry

For families considering participating in a sacramental preparation program, the following are the expectations:

- * Families are to be **registered and active members in a parish, partnered within CoHort.**
- * Families are to be attending weekend Mass at their parish regularly.
- * Children must have attended at least one year of religious education prior to Sacrament year, and attend **2015-2016** sessions, or be attending a **Catholic school.**
- * Sacraments are to be celebrated in their registered parish.

Confirmation/First Eucharist

Through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist we complete our initiation into the Catholic faith. Confirmation is the “sealing” of our Baptism as we are anointed in the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Eucharist we complete our initiation by being “in communion” with the rest of the community. We now are able to share in the fullness of our communal experience by receiving the sacred body and blood of Jesus Christ.

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a gift of the church that offers us God’s merciful forgiveness and the spiritual power and grace to overcome what is not good in our choices and actions. This sacrament is intended to also help us in our efforts to heal our personal spiritual wounds. Preparation will be for parents and children.

Sacramental Sessions for 2015-16 will be on Sundays

1st Reconciliation

Oct 4—1st Family Meeting 10:30 Mass—2:00 pm
Nov. 8—2nd Family Meeting 10:30 Mass—2:00 pm
Dec. 16 —Celebration of the Sacrament 7:00pm

Confirmation-(TBA)

(TBA) 1st Family Meeting 10:30 Mass—2:00 pm
(TBA) Practice
Regional Confirmation—(TBA)

1st Eucharist

April 24—1st Family Meeting 10:30 Mass—2:00 pm
April 30—Saturday Practice 10:00 am
May 1,—Celebration of 1st Eucharist

Family Ministry will begin with the celebration of 10:30 Mass.

Middle School / Youth Ministry

Middle School/Youth Ministry is an opportunity for young people to develop and experience their faith through education, service, spiritual development and social activities. Through these components youth should be able to live out their baptismal promises by discovering God in their lives, growing and maturing in their faith, and becoming active participants in the life of the community.

Grades 6, 7 & 8

Middle School grades 6,7,8 will meet on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sunday mornings after Mass (approx. 1 1/2 hrs.) at the Faith Formation Center.

2015-2016 Class Schedule Middle School /Youth Ministry

FIRST SEMESTER 2015

Oct. 4, 11, 18, —Class Session

Nov. 1, 8, 15, —Class Session

Dec. 6, 13, 20, —Class Session

2016

Jan. 3, 10, 17—Class Session

Jan. 21-24—March for Life Washington D.C.

SECOND SEMESTER 2016

Feb. 7,14, 21, —Class Session

Mar. 6, 13, 20, —Class Session

Mar. 25—April 3—Spring Break

Apr. 10, 17, 24—Class Session

May 22, Graduates Mass /Youth Ministry

High School Ministry/Youth Ministry

Senior High Ministry is an opportunity for young people to incorporate their Christian values and morals in every issue that they face and every choice that they make. It is an opportunity for young people to come together to work and interact with others who have common beliefs, to be affirmed, and to hold fast to their values and morals.

Grades 9-12

Class time for high school youth will meet 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sunday mornings after Mass (approx. 1 1/2 hrs.) at the Faith Formation Center.

2015-2016 Schedule for High School/Youth Ministry

FIRST SEMESTER 2015

Oct. 4, 11, 18, —Class Session

Nov. 1, 8, 15, —Class Session

Dec. 6, 13, 20, —Class Session

2016

Jan. 3, 10, 17—Class Session

Jan 21-24—March for Life Washington D.C.

SECOND SEMESTER 2016

Feb. 7, 14, 21, —Class Session

Mar. 6, 13, 20, —Class Session

Mar. 25—April 3—Spring Break

Apr. 10, 17, 24—Class Session

May 22—Graduate Mass/ Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry Events TBA

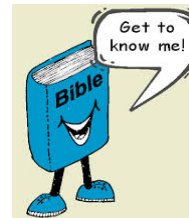
Other Information

Children's Christmas Choir

If you are interested in becoming part of the Christmas Choir, please contact our music director, Connie Proulx. Phone(989) 846-9565.

Adult Formation

Opportunities for adult formation will be offered. Dates and items will be announced in the weekly bulletin .



Inclement Weather Policy

If the Standish/Sterling schools are closed due to weather conditions, there will be no formation sessions that evening in our parish.

Safety Policy

- * When dropping off your child for religious formation classes, please be sure that they are safely in the building before leaving if they are not coming at 3:30 pm on the shuttle.
- * Please come inside the building to pick up your child(ren) after classes. Children will only be released to parent/guardian unless written notice is provided by a parent/guardian to the Faith Formation Office.
- * Please be prompt in picking up your child at the end of sessions.



Email

- * We will be using email as another method of contacting you, if we are unable to reach you by phone. Please make sure the Faith Formation office has your current email address. Our email address is rotlway@yahoo.com

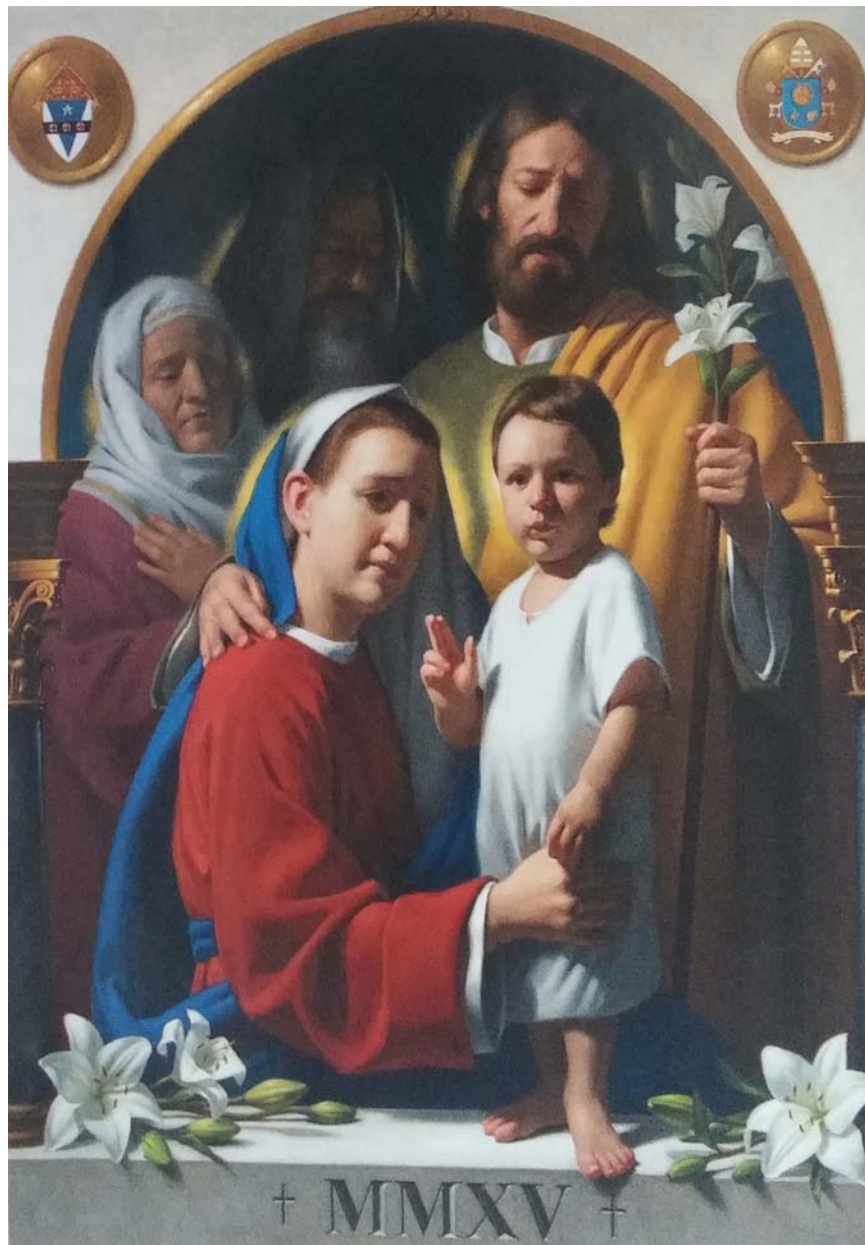
Bulletin

- * For all weekly bulletin info: www.ArenacCatholic.com

**Love is Our Mission:
THE FAMILY FULL ALIVE**

Catechists can benefit from reading the short Catechesis prepared for the World Meeting of Families. Here is a breakdown of the chapters:

1. **CREATED FOR JOY**—God made us in his image to share in his joy.
2. **THE MISSION OF LOVE**—Each of us have a mission to receive and show God's love.
3. **THE MEANING OF HUMAN SEXUALITY**—Our bodies reflect God's image, and through our sexuality married couples have the opportunity to co-create with God.
4. **TWO BECOME ONE**—Marriage is a sacrament between a man and a woman and reflects God's covenant.
5. **CREATING THE FUTURE**—Marriage is meant to be fertile and welcome new life.
6. **ALL LOVE BEARS FRUIT**—"All Love Bears Fruit" through other vocation in the Church such as the priesthood, religious life, and celibate lay vocation.
7. **LIGHT IN A DARK WORLD**—Families show the world how to live with compassion and love.
8. **A HOME FOR THE WOUNDED HEART**—Families need to be sources of mercy and support.
9. **MOTHER, TEACHER, FAMILY: THE NATURE AND ROLE OF THE CHURCH**—The Church is there to guide and protect families.
10. **CHOOSING LIFE**—Be families with "lives of faith, hope, charity, joy, service, and mission."



CATECHIST September 2015