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*May God bless you and keep you safe and healthy until you visit us again.*

### Mission Statement

The Faith Formation Program is a collaborative ministry of sharing our stories on how we live and practice our Catholic Faith. The program needs a strong personal commitment and involvement from the entire parish community. "Collaborative Ministry" is all about teamwork by work, action, and example.



Simply put, "It does take a village to raise a child." Our goals are as follows:

To provide varied educational opportunities to our parish children, youth, young adults and adults.

To continue to be a welcoming and nurturing family of faith by proclaiming the Gospel message and sharing an active faith with those in our community at large.

### Faith Formation Committee

Anyone interested in sharing of his or her time and talent is welcome to become a member of the committee. What is the function of the committee? The committee is comprised of concerned parishioners who help plan, implement, and provide various programs to enrich the faith formation of **the entire parish**. The group works by helping all sub-committees work together as one. No one program works independently. The programs, include but are not limited to, Elementary, Jr. High, Youth Ministry, and Sacramental Prep, Adult Formation, Parish Activities, Liturgy Committee, Catechist training and where ever an opportunity arises for faith formation to be shared and celebrated.

## Description of Faith Formation Programs K-12<sup>th</sup> grade

### Traditional Program: (TP)

A structured class setting led by a Catechist and Co-Catechist that is available for grades K-5 on Monday evenings from 6:30pm - 7:45pm at Brunswick Middle School. Books are provided. There are approximately 30 hours of class time scheduled throughout the year.

If more than four (4) classes are missed a conference with the Administrator of Faith Formation will be arranged to discuss the situation.

### Family Centered Program: (FC)

A program offered for families whose child(ren) attend public or private school but choose to teach the faith formation program at home. Books are provided.

The family, parent(s) and children **must** participate every other monthly for scheduled family meetings or activities throughout the year. This program is available for grades K-5.

### Home School Program: (HS)

A program offered for families whose child(ren) do not attend public or private school and have choose to teach the faith formation curriculum at home. Books are provided.

The family, parent(s) and child(ren) **must** participate in meetings every other month and participate in other activities throughout the year. This program is available for grades K-5.

### 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade Jr. High Youth Ministry: (jrsfsmym)

A structured group program offering class, service and social activities throughout the year. The group will meet on various Sundays from 11:30am - 1:30pm. See Faith Formation Calendar.

## 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Ministry Program: (SFSMYM)

A structured group program offering class, service and social activities throughout the year. The group meets on various Sundays from 11:30am - 1:30pm. See Faith Formation Calendar.

## Healthy Relationships/Human Sexuality (K-12)

The Archdiocese of Baltimore requires Parish Faith Formation programs to include an age-appropriate curriculum that helps guide, teach and reinforce the Moral Catholic teachings on relationships, love and respecting the value of human life. Program is selected from a list of approved curriculums.

## Faith Formation General Information

### Curriculum for all Faith Formation Programs

K-5<sup>th</sup>: *Call to Faith & Growing in Love* published by Harcourt Religion Publishers

JR High: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade : *Call to Faith & Growing in Love*

8<sup>th</sup> Grade : *Blest Are We: The Story of Our Church & Growing in Love*

SR YM: *The Catholic Faith Handbook*

Sacramental: *Call to Celebrate Reconciliation & Eucharist* published by Harcourt Religion Publishers.

*Call to Celebrate Confirmation* published by Harcourt Religion Publishers

[www.harcourtreligion.com](http://www.harcourtreligion.com)

You, the parent are the primary source for your child's Catholic Christian Education. It is your responsibility to provide abundant opportunities for his or her spiritual growth. The community of St. Francis-St. Mary, through its Office of Faith Formation, offers you a program that will help enforce what you are teaching in your family living. Together this enables you to fulfill the promises you made at your child's baptism. To help these programs run smoothly, please keep the following instructions in mind:

Children are expected to be at their designated locations on time so that sessions can begin promptly. Late arrivals and early departures disrupt the entire group. Catechist and Co-Catechists work hard to prepare lessons according to the time allotted for each class. Please be considerate.

Please appropriately prioritize faith formation and a sacramental class with your child's other extracurricular activities.

If your child is absent, whether it is planned or not, please contact your child's catechist in a timely manner.

A make-up homework sheet will be given out after the missed class. Make -up work will be due prior to the next class. Make-up homework sheets can be returned to the catechist or to the Faith Formation Office.

Make sure your child comes prepared for every class by bringing his or her book and folder.

Children in 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grades all cover the same topic each week. This allows you to share as a family the information learned.

Poor attendance might result in your child being unable to prepare and receive First Sacraments the next grade year.

Turning in make-up homework sheets enables the child to avoid this situation.

If schools are closed because of inclement weather, Faith Formation classes are cancelled.



*Thanks for stopping by. If you still have questions and could not find an answer do not hesitate in calling the office.*

*As always, let us know if you have a unique gift or talent that you would like to share with others.*

*God has blessed us with many gifts to share with one another to better understand His love.*

*Have a wonderful day.*

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