

FAITH FORMATION: MARCH NEWSLETTER

1st Communion Retreat :

March 26 Parents & 2nd graders will participate in the 10:15 Mass, then return at 2 for the retreat which goes until 4:30. Bring their books and banners with you! **REHEARSAL:** will be held on Friday, **March 31st @ 6:30 pm.** All families are to be at both of these events.

Confirmation Retreat: March 19th

The Confirmation class will have a mandatory retreat on March 19th from 10:30-8:00. Lunch and dinner will be provided & includes Mass and Reconciliation. Students bring snacks/drinks to share. Comfy clothes (not pj's) is the call for the day. Plan for fun & games as well as spiritual activities.

RECONCILIATION: TUES. NIGHTS

From 7-8:00 pm Fr. Bill will be available for the sacrament of Reconciliation each Tuesday night through Lent. Come to take advantage of this opportunity.

RICE BOWLS: Students brought home rice bowls for Catholic Relief Services. The bowls should be folded into a box for your donations. Loose change, spare bills from each week—anything you can put into the box for a donation is appreciated. CRS uses your donation not only to feed but to educate poor communities to be self-sustaining. No child should be hungry in our world of plenty. Please return them by April 9th.

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Mission Trip for high school students: this year we will be joining Young Neighbors in Action on a trip to Baltimore, MD. We leave June 25th and return July 1st. The cost per student will be approximately \$300. All high school students welcomed, but you must contact Judi about going prior to March 19th. The first deposit (\$75) for the trip is due by March 22. We will be doing fund raising to defray the cost for all. Adult leaders needed to go with us—are you interested? Call me!

Lenten Meals: Each Wednesday night of Lent the parish celebrates an evening Mass followed by dinner, prepared and served by one of our ministries. Mass at 5:30, meals from 6-7:00. All families are welcomed to take a night off from cooking and join us. Faith Formation will host the meal on Wednesday, March 15th, with students in grades 6-8 hosting. A free will donation for the meal is to defray the cost with any extra monies going to charity.

REGISTRATION: for 2017-2018

Yep, it's that time of year again when we need to start thinking about next year! Registration will open on Sunday, March 12th. Judi will be in the hall before each class time and there will be someone to assist with registration after all classes. PLEASE stop by and get your children registered for next year.

New CLASS TIMES: there needs to be a change in class times for next year because the rec-tory will no longer be available for classes. **Grades K-3** will remain on Sunday mornings from 9-10:00 am. **Grades 4-5** will be held on Monday evenings from 4:45-6:00 pm. **Grades 6-8** will remain on Tuesday nights from 7-8:15 pm. **High school** classes will remain on Sunday nights at the same time, but scheduling will change. I'm not exactly sure how at this time: I need to go through the curriculum and see what we can do. I will let everyone know by September.

Volunteers are always needed: what can you do?

Head's Up! The **Faith Formation Appreciation Dinner** is right around the corner—April 7th. This is a night to THANK the many people who volunteer to work in Faith Formation in our parish. Any parent &/or child who would like to show appreciation for their cate-chists and others please email Judi. You might make a dish for the dinner, or you could help set up, serve and clean up. jbrennan@parishmail.com THANKS!

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