



**St. John
THE Baptist
Faith Formation**

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Next year your son/daughter will be entering or returning to St. John the Baptist's Faith Formation (Religious Education) Program. This program is designed to help your child(ren) prepare for the sacraments, continue his/her faith formation and is designed to take each student on a journey toward a deeper understanding of our religious beliefs and traditions.

Plans for the 2017/2018 school year are being made now. Because it is necessary to place book orders and find Catechists (teachers) as soon as possible, we ask that you register by **June 1, 2017**. ***You will receive the discounted rate if your registration form (payment is not required at registration) is received on or before June 1st.*** Please note that there is a separate fee for Sacramental prep.

This year we have a fillable registration form available online. You can fill this out online and email it to faithformation@sjbplymouth.org or print it off and place it in the drop box at the parish office, the collection plate at Mass, or mail it to the address on the form.

We are finding it is hard to build and connect with the students when we meet every other week so we will now have freshmen and sophomores meet at the same time (on the same nights) as grade school. These grade levels will begin at 6:15pm; grade school will be done at 7:30pm and those high school classes will be done at 7:45pm. For those families with students in both programs, we will have activities available to keep the younger student(s) occupied until the high school classes are done. The schedule is set up that we will meet for 3 weeks and then have one week off. Confirmation students will be switching to a hybrid curriculum that contains one 2.5 hour in-class session and three 1 hour online sessions each month. Attached is a more detailed parent's letter for confirmation families.

The Faith Formation department will have a complete class schedule out to you as soon as possible. Many families were excited about the Community service projects we did this past year; we are looking to again incorporate these into the curriculum and will have the schedule finalized soon.

Online Payment: we are now offering online payment options. Please go to www.sjbplymouth.org/religious.html to learn more and sign up. FULL PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 1ST.

We encourage you to take advantage of the SCRIP fundraising program which is available to help you reduce your Faith Formation registration and program fees. If you are not familiar with the SCRIP program more information is enclosed. Scholarships are available to assist families with fees. We also offer scholarships to help offset the registration fee. Please contact the Faith Formation office for additional information on these programs.

ONE FINAL NOTE: Catechists are needed for all grade levels. Our teachers find classes very fulfilling and rewarding, helping our students through this journey oftentimes strengthens their own faith. Group sizes range from 10 to 15 students. To learn more, contact Amy or Erin. **THE \$65.00 REGISTRATION FEE IS WAIVED FOR ALL CATECHISTS.**

Retreat/sacrament fees are not included in the catechist waiver.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 892-6015 or aalbers@sjbplymouth.org or egross@sjbplymouth.org.

God bless,
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