

FAITH FORMATION POLICY

We believe that it is essential for all children to realize that through Jesus, we find love, security, and a model for daily living. We consider it a privilege to work with you, the Family, in nourishing the Catholic faith of your children.

PROGRAMS

We provide instruction on the Catholic Faith in an age-appropriate format. While parents are the first teachers of faith to their children, our Faith Formation teachers reinforce what you have taught and modeled in your home. As they share their knowledge of Catholic Heritage and Church Doctrine they also witness to their love and belief in Jesus.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS

ALL PREPARATIONS FOR SACRAMENTS ARE DONE AT YOUR HOME PARISH.

Watch your website or bulletin for upcoming dates.

OPTIONS

The parishes of Eastern Greece/ Charlotte are collaborating to offer more options for our families in Catholic Faith Formation (Religious Education)

Weekly Class – Holy Cross & St John the Evangelist
Family/Intergenerational Program – Mother of Sorrows
Summer Religious Ed – St Charles Borromeo
Home Study – Holy Cross, Mother of Sorrows,
St Charles & St John

Your family can choose the program that best suits your schedule & your child's learning style. Read this tri-fold to learn more about these many options for your children's Catholic Faith Formation from preschool - 12th grade.

TUITION: Payable to Parish where child attends class

\$50/ONE CHILD or \$80/FAMILY Holy Cross
\$60/ONE CHILD or \$85/FAMILY MOS / St Charles
\$50/ONE CHILD, \$70/2 CHILDREN, \$80 FAMILY St John

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

All parishes offer Liturgy of the Word in language appropriate for children. Consult your parish bulletin for times.

JR HIGH AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

Along with our present parish activities, Jr/Sr High Youth experience events planned by and for our teens throughout the EG/C area and our diocese. These wonderful opportunities to gather all area youth together include retreats, field trips, service opportunities and more.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

All of the Eastern Greece/Charlotte parishes have many opportunities for adults to grow in their knowledge & faith. Please refer to your parish bulletin or website to learn more about all upcoming programs and events.

All sites are handicapped accessible.

Holy Cross

4492 Lake Ave Roch, NY 14612
www.holycrossrochester.org

Preschool

Sunday 9:45–11:00AM

Class time for 3, 4, and 5 year-olds is during 10AM Mass, and is filled with Bible stories, songs & projects that teach children the Love of God. Registration required.

Grades K – 7

Sunday 11:30-12:30PM

Weekly instruction on the Catholic Faith in an age-appropriate format in a traditional classroom environment. Weekly classes include projects, and various experiences to learn about & share faith.

Grades 8 – 9

2 times per month on Sunday 11:30-12:30

This class fulfills the Faith Formation portion of the 2 year Confirmation program. Confirmation also requires: Mass attendance, Service, Retreats and prayer opportunities throughout the 2 years. During the spring of the second year, there is an immediate preparation portion that will be completed before reception of Confirmation.

Home Study

The Home Study program is for families who wish to teach their children at home. Children's textbooks are provided. Families are expected to attend seasonal family gatherings and activities.

Jr Hi Tweens Activity Night Grades 6 – 8

In addition to weekly classes, tweens are encouraged to attend Activity Night, for opportunities to meet new friends while serving others & learning more about faith!

Senior Hi Teens Grades 9 - 12

Sunday: 1:00 - 2:00PM

Weekly gatherings include catechesis, prayer and faith sharing. Retreats and service opportunities are offered on a regular basis. High School teens have fun, participate in the parish community and make lasting friendships that enrich their lives.

CYO – 2nd through 12th grade

Basketball, soccer, kickball & cheerleading. Children learn and practice Christian values & sportsmanship.

St. John the Evangelist, Greece

2400 W. Ridge Road Roch, NY 14626
www.stjohngreece.org

Grades K – 6

Sundays 9:00 – 10:00AM

Weekly instruction is provided with an age-appropriate curriculum – the Plaum Gospel Weeklies, which incorporates Liturgy and Catechesis in a classroom environment. Weekly classes include projects, and various experiences used to learn about and share faith. Children also have an opportunity to participate in monthly Children's Masses and Children's Choir.

Home Study

The Home Study program is ONLY for families who are unable to attend the regular scheduled sessions due to some type of conflict. Materials and family guides are provided for parents to teach their children at home, and meetings with our Pastoral Minister will be required 2 times a year to check on the child(ren)'s progress.

Families are encouraged to have their children attend regular Faith Formation sessions if at all possible. Families are still expected to attend any seasonal family activities that take place during the year.



Mother of Sorrows
5000 Mt Read Blvd Roch, NY 14612
www.motherofsorrows.net

Family/Intergenerational Program
Sunday 11:15 –12:45PM
1st and 3rd weekends of the month

This Model of Faith Formation is for any family type, any age, any grade...all generations are welcome. The sessions follow the 10 a.m. Mass and alternate between “hands on”, experiential learning as well as break out sessions by grade level Pre K – Grade 7 and Adults.

Each gathering begins with a snack time and then moves into learning about a catechism-based topic through the use of activities, discussion and media. Each student receives a text book and activity book and schedule of assignments.

*Please note that children Pre-K to Grade 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

Home Study

The *Home Study* program is for families who wish to learn with their children at home. Student grade level texts, activity books, and schedule of assignments are provided. Student’s work must be turned in at the end of each semester. Families are expected to attend Mass, and are encouraged to participate in parish life by attending activities and events throughout the year.

Youth Ministry Grades 6-12

Various monthly activities (both within the church and community), including catechesis, service opportunities & team-building fun to help youth develop their relationship with Christ and each other. Our monthly Teen Mass offers youth an opportunity to serve in lead roles of the Mass and worship our Lord with their peers.

Confirmation (Grade 8 or higher)

Sunday 11:15-12:45PM

Youth preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation meet twice monthly on Sundays for catechesis, in addition to participation in community service, retreats, and youth group events.

St. Charles Borromeo
3003 Dewey Ave Roch, NY 14616
www.stcharlesgreece.org

Preschool Sunday 10:30 - 11:30AM

Sunday school program is offered September-April (during the 10:30 Mass). We invite all 3, 4, and 5 year olds to join us as we learn more about Jesus through stories, song, and prayer. Registration required.

Grades K* – 7 Summer 2019

July 8-19, 2019 9:00AM - Noon

A two-week curriculum based faith formation program for children in grades K-7. It includes opportunities for prayer, art, music, and snack.

It is held from July 8-19 (9:00 a.m. to Noon) in the school at St. Charles. Families are expected to attend seasonal family activities throughout the year.

*Please note that for Kdg or First Grade placement the child must have completed that grade during the 2018 – 2019 school year.

Grades 8 – 9 Summer 2019

July 8-19, 2019 9:00AM - Noon

This class fulfills the Faith Formation portion of the 2 year Confirmation program. Confirmation also requires: Mass attendance, Service, Retreats and prayer opportunities throughout the 2 years. During the spring of the second year, there is an immediate preparation portion that will be completed before reception of the sacrament of Confirmation.

Home Study

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Youth Ministry Grades 6-12

Various activities each month include meetings (which consist of prayer, service, faith formation and games), fun outings with other Greece parishes, retreats, leadership and volunteer opportunities, National Catholic Youth Conference, & much more. It is a welcoming place to meet new friends, all while growing in your relationship with Jesus.

CYO

Grades 3 – 12 Basketball

Grades 3 – 10 Summer Skills Program

Provides an opportunity for young people to practice Christian values and sportsmanship. Contact 663-3230

Catholic Faith Formation

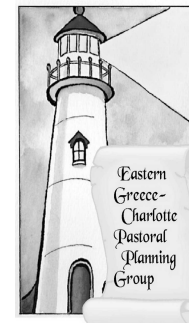
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Religious Education



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Children~Teens~Families
July 2019 - May 2020



Holy Cross
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St John the Evangelist
225-8980
Mother of Sorrows
663-5432
St Charles Borromeo
663-8000