

**ATTENTION PARENTS:**

**Please note:** Office hours may vary during the summer. Registration is by appointment.  
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**CURRENT FAMILIES: Be sure to register before July 1<sup>st</sup>!**

There is a discount of \$25.00 for registrations received prior to July 1st.

**WELCOME NEW FAMILIES:**

We are currently accepting registration for classes beginning in September.  
**If you have a child in grades Kindergarten through 8th Grade attending public school, these classes are for your children.**

Classes will fill quickly and we have a limited number of spaces in each session.

**In order to register you will need:**

- To be a registered parish family. (If you are not already registered, visit the main parish office during office hours.)
- Attend Mass weekly.
- Begin to consider what program will best fit your family's desire for faith development and your schedule. (This will be discussed when you come to register and meet with Faith Formation staff. See the Parent Handbook for further details.)
- A copy of your child's baptismal certificate, if child is already baptized.
- The registration fee. We require only a \$25 deposit at registration (balance to be paid before classes begin in September).

**OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM SCHEDULES:**

See parish website or parent handbook for more detailed descriptions.

**Family Faith Formation Program – Meets monthly. Sunday or Tuesday session available.**

*Note that for this program, children must be accompanied by one parent.*

**Session A: 8:15AM to 9:45 AM.** Grades K through 8th. [English parent session] *(Children with special needs are also welcome. Please call to inquire about special programming options.)*

**Session B: 10:15AM to 11:45 AM.** Grades 1 through 8. [English parent session]

**Session C: 11:45AM to 1:15 PM.** Grades K through 8. [Spanish parent session]

**Tuesday Session: 6:30PM to 8:00PM.** Grades 1 through 12. [English or Spanish parent session]

**Middle School and High School**

Teens in grades 7 through 12 must also attend special Middle and High School sessions through the year. These are typically on Tuesday evening. 7:00PM to 9:00PM.

**SACRAMENT PREPARATION**

**Sacrament programs are separate, and in addition to, our regular Faith Formation(CCD) programs. All children must be enrolled in a faith formation (CCD) program or in the catholic school in order to participate in sacrament preparation.**

*Only registered PARISH families may participate in the sacrament preparation programs. We always welcome new families who have moved to the Bogota/Teaneck area or who are looking for a parish to call home. Please call the Faith Formation for more information.*

**SACRAMENT PREPARATION-FIRST EUCHARIST/COMMUNION**

In order for a child to prepare to receive their First Communion they must have attended two years of Faith Formation classes or Catholic school. If you wish your child to receive First Communion in 2nd Grade, they must be enrolled in classes by first grade.

**SACRAMENT PREPARATION CONFIRMATION**

Most students prepare for Confirmation in 8th Grade. However, the Archdiocese of Newark requires continuous religious education from 1st Communion through 8th grade. If years are missed, Confirmation preparation will be delayed.

**RCIA PROGRAM (BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN OVER 7 YEARS OLD)**

This is at minimum a two year process for children age 7 and older (including adolescents) who have not yet been baptized. It is also a program for adults who wish to be baptized Catholic or who were baptized Christian/Catholic but have not received the sacraments of First Communion and/or Confirmation.

What was from the beginning, what **we have heard**, what **we have seen** with our eyes, what **we looked upon and touched** with our hands **we proclaim now to you**, so that you too may have fellowship with us; for our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, **Jesus Christ... so that our joy may be complete.** 1John 1:1-4

