

August 1, 2017

Dear Parents of Kindergarten through grade 9 students,

Welcome to a new year of opportunities for our parish Religious Education program. Catechesis is a life-long journey that begins in the home with your personal faith sharing, grows into the parish family with regular Mass attendance and religious education, and then out to the parish and world beyond in service to others.

Thank you for all you do to help your child(ren) to grow in their faith.

Enclosed please find material that you need to register for Religious Education for the 2017 – 2018 year. I would be most grateful if you could return the forms as soon as possible; by mail, after Masses on registration weekend, or to the parish office so catechists can arrange class lists and textbooks and supplies can be ordered.

You may return your registration(s) **by mail** to the parish office:

Attention: Religious Education
1032 Central Avenue
Dunkirk, NY 14048

OR

Stop by at the Religious Education table in the main vestibule of the Church after all Masses on : **Saturday, August 26th and Sunday, August 27th.**

****Our first class will be on Sunday, September 17th, beginning at 9:30am until 10:45am dismissal.****

*******This 1st CLASS requires attendance by both the student and at least one parent . *******
(one parent may attend with one, two or more of their children)

In addition to general information and room assignments both parent and child will have the opportunity to participate together in faith formation activities in the school.

Please plan on attending this initial class with your student(s)...

This will take the place of the usual parent meeting and we hope it will be a better use of time for both you and your child, as well as an opportunity to have fun together while learning.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY: will be celebrated on **Sunday, September 24th, 2017**

We invite all students, parents, and catechists to an **Opening Family Mass at 8:30 am.**

Catechists from the parish will be Commissioned at this Mass.

Children will have an opportunity to participate through lecturing, singing, as gift bearers, and as greeters.
(class will follow for the students at the usual 9:30 to 10:45 time)

TUITION: Tuition for one child is \$45, for two or more children a maximum of \$75 per family.

******REGISTER BY AUGUST 27TH and RECEIVE \$10 OFF THESE FEES******

If for any reason the tuition cannot be paid at the time of registration, please call or see Susan Galley (366-0499) , but get your paperwork in by August 27th to receive the discount.

DROP OFF and PICK UP for GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 6TH:

Please walk your student to their classroom and meet them at the classroom for dismissal.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your time and effort to insure your children receive a strong foundation in their Catholic faith.

We are looking ahead to a year filled with grace, learning, service, fun, and friends to be experienced with our parish family.

Please know that I am available to hear your ideas, thoughts, and concerns about your child's religious education and to support you as their first teachers in faith.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Susan Galley

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HOLY TRINITY 2017-2018 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

FAMILY NAME _____ HOME PARISH _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

***EMAIL (for closings, updates, etc.) _____ Home Phone: _____

Father's name: _____ Religion: _____ Cell # _____

Mother's name _____ Religion: _____ Cell # _____

***** (maiden name for record keeping) _____

PLEASE LIST THE NAME & INFORMATION FOR EACH CHILD YOU REGISTER:

NAME	SCHOOL & GRADE	DATE & PLACE of BIRTH
1. _____	_____	_____

Date and Place of: Baptism	Reconciliation	Eucharist
_____	_____	_____

NAME	SCHOOL & GRADE	DATE & PLACE of BIRTH
2. _____	_____	_____

Date and Place of: Baptism	Reconciliation	Eucharist
_____	_____	_____

***if more than 2 children, please include information on back of this sheet. Thank you.

Have all children listed had previous Religious Education? Yes _____ No _____
Where & When (if not at Holy Trinity)

Please check the following if it applies:
 Learning Disability Health Problems Special Family Situations
 (please explain in detail on back of this form)

CLASS TUITION: \$45 PER STUDENT - MAXIMUM \$75 PER FAMILY

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Please advise if tuition assistance is needed

Cash: \$ _____ check # _____

Dear Children and Parents,

July 29, 2017

As we begin another school year, I would like to take a minute to invite the youth of this parish to join the **Holy Trinity Youth Choir**. This choir has been growing in leaps and bounds over the past few years! We even have opportunities for soloists and instrumentalists!

Children (1st grade-high school) are welcome to participate in the choir. We are looking forward to doing some very exciting and fun things this year such as singing for Religious Education Family Masses, the Christmas Eve Children's 4pm Mass, and combining with the Traditional choir at the 8:30 Easter Sunday mass!

First and foremost, let me explain that the youth choir will not be expected to sing at every weekend mass. This is a special choir that will prepare and rehearse almost every week on Thursdays from 5:45-6:15. It is my hope that after 4-5 rehearsals, the choir will be confident enough to sing at a mass. Therefore, if members become busy with other activities, **it will be okay if they can't make every rehearsal.** I understand how busy life can be, so I simply ask that you let me know when you can't make rehearsal by calling or texting me (680-3948). If you would like to be a part of this fantastic group, but cannot attend rehearsals due to scheduling conflicts, please see me. I am willing to make other arrangements such as giving out folders and practice CDs ahead of time.

During rehearsals, choir members will learn about music as well as liturgy. I will help the members to understand why and when certain songs are sung, and how they relate to the Mass as well as the Sacred Scriptures. Parents are more than welcome to stay or leave during rehearsals. However, please arrive promptly for drop off and pick up as rehearsals are **only 30 minutes and another choir rehearsal starts at 6:30!**

When the choir sings at mass, I would ask that members please look presentable, since we are in the Lord's house. Please: no jeans! Choir members will also be expected to demonstrate good and respectable behavior before and during mass. Parents: If you feel that your child needs your assistance, you are very welcome to sit with them and/or help them with their music.

I am looking forward to a great year! Here's a little schedule to get us started:

Thursday, Sept. 7 5:45-6:15

Thursday, Sept. 14 5:45-6:15

Thursday, Sept. 21 5:45-6:15

******Sunday, Sept. 24 8:30am Mass – please be in choir seats by 8:15.**

Thursday, October 5 5:45-6:15

Thursday, October 12 5:45-6:15

Thursday, November 9 5:45-6:15

Thursday, November 16 5:45-6:15

We will be working on music for a Nov. 19 mass.

Thank you for sharing your talent and service with Holy Trinity! If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me!

Sincerely,

Tonia Pede

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