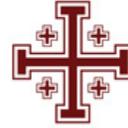




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Dear Friends,

As Saint Elizabeth Seton once said: "I will go peaceably and firmly to the Catholic Church: for if Faith is so important to our salvation, I will seek it where true Faith first began, seek it among those who received it from God Himself."

On that note, we are very happy to report that we have plans in place for Religious Education classes in the fall. We are delighted that we will continue to educate your children in the Catholic Faith here at Saints John and Paul.

There are two options available to us based on NY State guidelines. First of all, if we can use the school, the classrooms will be arranged according NY State guidance for distancing and we will have classes on Wednesdays and Sundays as always.

If we cannot use the school building because of NY State regulations, the following is an outline of the plan we will have in effect:

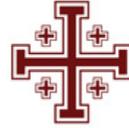
- Meetings in the church on Wednesday afternoons and evenings once per month per grade.
- Home study using the textbooks and handouts such as the Weekly Scripture Lessons that you have been receiving since March.



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We are very fortunate to be able to use the church for our meetings. It is already set up for “distancing” for Mass according to NY State guidelines. Here is an idea of what we are planning:

Sample Schedule:

Each grade will have one meeting per month on a Wednesday in the church.

- Afternoon meetings are from 3:45 – 5:00 pm
- Evening meetings are from 6:15 – 7:30 pm

Grade	Week	session	Grade	Week	session
2nd	1	afternoon	8th	1	evening
3rd	2	afternoon	6th	2	evening
4th	3	afternoon	7th	3	evening
5th	4	afternoon	8 (Confirmation)	4	evening

The meetings will follow this format:

- Opening Prayer and hymns
- Reading and explanation of the Scriptures for Sunday Mass
- Review and discussion of the chapters studied over the previous three weeks.
- Questions and answers
- Closing prayer and Benediction

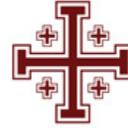
Meetings such as these have been part of the 7th and 8th grades’ Confirmation preparation for the past three years. They have been very effective in helping our



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children to come closer to the Lord. We were going to extend this to the 6th grade this year anyway, but now we have an opportunity to offer it to all of our students.

As far as Home Study is concerned, it entails reading the Chapter and completing the Chapter quiz. These can be removed from the book and turned in at the meetings. A schedule by grade will be supplied, but it really just amounts to doing one chapter per week. Also, we will be reviewing what the students have studied when we meet on Wednesdays to further reinforce the material with them.

Attached to this email is the registration form for the 2020-21 school year. We have decided to keep the tuition and fees at the 2019 levels. In addition, payment will now be made through We Share, the parish online giving program. As always, please contact Deacon Shea if there are any issues with payment.

It is critical to our planning that we have a good count of students for the fall. Please register your children now. Instructions are included on the application (attached).

May God continue to bless us all!

Deacon Jack Shea,

Director of Religious Education