

St. Joseph-on-Carrollton Manor

P.O. Box 33 Buckeystown, MD 21717

Life Long Faith Formation Packet

Hello to You and Your Family,

Exciting things have been happening with the Faith Formation programs here at St. Joseph-on-Carrollton Manor. Activities are planned throughout the summer months for Middle & High School, dates and times can be found on the Faith Formation bulletin board or [www.stjoesbuckeystown.org](http://www.stjoesbuckeystown.org) 33 youth are preparing for Confirmation this October and 37 children received First Communion in May. 95 youth from 3yrs of age to 8<sup>th</sup> grade participated in our Summer Vacation Bible School this year. The **Generations of Faith (GoF)** program continues to expand in welcoming everyone, not just those families with children. The parish has a new Mission Statement that continues to focus our activities on WORD, WORKS and WORSHIP.

*We, the parishioners of St. Joseph-on-Carrollton Manor, commit to passionately share the Gospel of Jesus with the community around us and to nourish our parish family through Eucharist, formation and service.*

The Parish Discipleship meetings and retreats held throughout this past year have gathered input from parishioners to help set our vision and plans as we continue to move forward. Last but not least, tuition fees have been lowered this year in an effort to encourage 100% participation in one of our many Life Long Faith Formation opportunities offered throughout the parish. Life Long Faith Formation does not stop at one particular age or sacrament it is a never ending of faith sharing and evangelizing with one another through the example of our daily lives. The new fees are as follows: No fee for adults. The fee for each child/youth is \$65 for any program with a family cap of \$195. Sacramental Prep fees for Reconciliation & Eucharist are combined fee of \$65 and Confirmation is \$100 these are in addition to any Faith Formation fee.

This packet applies to **all** parishioners as an ongoing measure to keep our formation and sacramental records updated. We ask **ALL** families with children/youth who are attending a Parochial or Public School to complete the blue registration form indicating the program(s) your family will be involved or the Catholic School they attend. Keeping our records updated allows for better communication and understanding of the needs of the parish. *If your family is no longer registered with St. Joseph please call the office and notify Therese Kennedy, Administrative Assistant so your name can be removed from future correspondence. 301-663-0907 ext. 3022*

Enclosed in the packet is a pink flier describing the available formation programs, a blue registration form, a yellow sacramental prep form and on the reverse side of this letter is a "How Can I Help" form. Carefully read and complete the necessary form(s). When finished return to the Faith Formation office as soon as possible. Programs will be first come space available.

**Immediate Prep for Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation Reminder:** (yellow form)

If your son or daughter attends a parochial school he or she must prepare for the sacrament with the parish your family is registered with, not with the school they attend.

My child already attends a faith formation program, isn't that good enough? Archdiocesan guidelines state that preparation for a sacrament is in addition or stands alone from any regular faith formation program.

Thank you for your continuous support in sharing your faith, time and talents with your child/youth and one another. You are their first and foremost evangelizing catechist of life. If you have any questions pertaining to any of the programs do not hesitate in contacting one of us. May God continue to bless and guide you always.

Love & Prayers in Christ,  
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God Bless,  
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**Faith Formation "How Can I Help" Form      Call me I'm interested in...**

Your input and involvement will help us reap the multitude of God's blessings and love.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: H: \_\_\_\_\_ C: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Best time to be contacted: \_\_\_am \_\_\_pm STAND approved: Yes / No  
 Contacted by \_\_\_\_\_ Date rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Yes, I am willing to share my faith with a small group of children/youth/adults? Resources and syllabus will be provided. It is a great way to continue to nourish your own faith. Grade level: \_\_\_\_\_

**Wed.** (K-5)    **GoF** (indicate program) \_\_\_Saturday \_\_\_Sunday early \_\_\_Sunday evening    **Faith Sharing** (adult)

\_\_\_ Yes, I am willing to step in on short notice and help if another adult can not facilitate a session?

**Wed.** (K-5)    **GoF** (indicate program) \_\_\_Saturday \_\_\_Sunday early \_\_\_Sunday evening    **Faith Sharing** (adult)

\_\_\_ Yes, I am willing to share my time within a small group of children/youth by being an extra set of hands for the catechist. Grade level: \_\_\_\_\_

**Wed.** (K-5)                      **GoF** (in the following program) Saturday    Sunday early    Sunday evening

\_\_\_ **Youth Ministry Core Team:** A group who feels called to witness, teach, and walk with the youth toward a path of life in Christ and the Church. We work as a group to plan the different classes. There are four different core teams you can be apart of.

\_\_\_ **EDGE** (6-8)Sunday    \_\_\_ **EDGE** (6-8)GoF    \_\_\_ **Life Teen** (9-12)    \_\_\_ **Confirmation** (Starting in 9<sup>th</sup> Grade)

\_\_\_ **Youth Ministry Support Team:** (NEW!) A group that will support the youth ministry program in planning and implementing of fundraisers, social outings, service trips, chaperones/drivers, and help with preparing/set-up for youth group.

\_\_\_ I am willing to be involved with one of the following **Sacramental Prep Team(s)** who plans and implements the formation of the following sacrament(s):

**Baptism      Reconciliation      Eucharist      Confirmation      Marriage**

\_\_\_ **CLOW:** Assist with sharing the **Liturgy of the Word** for children ages 4-10. (Sept. thru May)

\_\_\_ I am willing to be part of the **RCIA(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adult)** team who will assist with someone who may be seeking to enter the Catholic Church who has never have been baptized or received any sacraments.

\_\_\_ **Office Help:** Anyone willing to give some time during the hours of 9:30am – 4:00pm. Jobs may vary from project to project. I am available on (circle)      Mon.    Tues.    Wed.    Thurs.    Fri.

\_\_\_ **Wednesday PM Session Set-up:** Person to come in during the day to set rooms according to layout. Details will be given. Great job if you must bring your child with you!

\_\_\_ **Additional Talents:** Many times you have a hidden talent that can benefit others. We invite you to list Or call us letting us know what you have to offer.