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Dear Parents,

Welcome Back! Our Religious Education Faith Formation, for the 2019/2020-year is fast approaching. Our staff and volunteers are ready to welcome your child(ren) for another year of Faith Formation. May we recognize God's presence in our lives and encounter Christ more deeply each day. I pray that your summer has been filled with blessings, rest and fellowship.

Our Religious Education/Faith Formation provides an environment that is rooted in the rich tradition of the Catholic Church and forms young minds in faith and discipleship. Remember parents; you are the first teachers of your children, especially in the area of passing on the faith. May we work together in passing on our faith to the next generation. We pray that this year will strengthen your children's faith and deepen their relationship with Christ and His Church.

All classes will be held at Saint Patrick Church Hall on Wednesday nights, unless it is otherwise noted. New this year, Grade 2 (First Communion Formation) will run from 6 pm and extended to 7:15 pm. Grades 7, 8, 9 & 10 will begin at 7 pm. Here are the following Religious Education meeting times:

Grades 1, 3 – 6 will meet from 6 pm – 7 pm  
Grade 2 will meet from 6 pm – 7:15 pm **NEW**  
Grades 7 & 8 will meet from 7 pm – 8 pm  
and Grades 9 & 10 will meet from 7 pm- 8:15 pm.

You can register through Parish Giving or download the registration forms and Religious Ed Calendar by visiting either of our websites: <https://stpatrickri.org/> or <https://stjosephri.org/>. Upon request registration forms also can be mailed or picked up at the either rectory. Remember that the schedule is tentative and subject to change.

THIS YEAR we continue our Family Catechesis Nights in which the whole family is invited to attend selected Wednesday nights through the year and join the pastor, teachers and volunteers for an evening of prayer, reflection and activities. Please see the calendar for dates and location.

A financial contribution to help offset religious education supplies remains the same as last year. The contribution for the first child \$25, second child is \$25, third child \$15, and fourth child, \$15. For those in first (1<sup>st</sup>), second (2<sup>nd</sup>), ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) and ten (10<sup>th</sup>) grades, an additional \$10 contribution is requested for added materials needed. All contributions are due at the time of registration.

The "source and summit" of our faith is when we gather on the Lord's Day (Sunday) to worship our God as a faith-filled community. At the Mass, we offer our prayers and sacrifices to God in union with the Sacrifice of the Mass, the Eucharist, and are filled with the strength to continue our journey of faith. As a continued practice, especially preparing to receive the sacraments, children in grades one (1), two (2), nine (9) and ten (10), are required to "sign in" at Mass each week. Remember all practicing Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on Sundays. The sign in book is located at the rear of each church. If you are traveling or attending Mass at another Catholic Church, please have a bulletin from that church signed by the priest who celebrated the Mass.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact either parish rectory (Saint Patrick 568-5600 or Saint Joseph 401-568-2411).

Peace in Christ,

*Reverend Scott J. Carpentier*

Pastor