

## Safety

All teachers, subs, hall monitors and teaching assistants have completed the Diocesan Safe Environment training. They also complete a volunteer application with references and a background check is done.

Dismissal: Grades K to 5 – children will be dismissed at the classroom door to the parent or guardian only. If an older sibling or family friend or relative will be picking up your child please complete and sign a Pick-up Permission Form (one for each child) and give it to your child's teacher. Grades 6, 7 and 8 will be dismissed without parents.

Classroom doors – all classroom doors will be locked during class time.

Building doors – On Sunday morning all doors to the church buildings are open due to Masses. On Monday evening only the door by the offices will be open. Please do not use any other doors to leave the buildings.

Please be timely on your drop offs and pickups of your children. Our Catechists are trying to get to Mass with their children also. Reminder that K is only to 9:50/6:50.

Please don't park or stand in front of the church or classroom building doors. Please park in the lot and come in to get your kids – we love to see you.

No food in the classrooms.

Switching between the Sunday and Monday classes- if you would like to have your child switch please email me so I can arrange it with the teachers. At this time several classes are overflowing so please check first.

## Absences

If your child will miss a faith formation class please email [faithformation@stmarysskaneateles.com](mailto:faithformation@stmarysskaneateles.com) to let us know. Families are encouraged to explore and complete the missed session at home using your child's book and the "At Home Edition" component of the program, found online. We ask that children in 7th and 8th make up the sessions that they miss.

7th and 8th graders will receive instructions on making up sessions at home in class and an information sheet for parents will be distributed via snail mail and email.



### Mission Statement of the St. Mary's Faith Formation program:

Inspired by the life and mission of Jesus, and embracing the opportunities of our time and culture, we commit ourselves to educate, evangelize and empower others through lifelong and ongoing faith formation.

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## Welcome to the St. Mary's of the Lake Faith Formation Program!



2018-2019

Love Will Overcome...

"Love is the only light  
which can constantly  
illuminate a world grown  
dim"

Pope Francis

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## Dates to Note...



**Sept 9** Blessed Beginnings  
Mass, Backpack blessing  
and breakfast 10:15am

**Sept 30** Blessing of Our Pets at the  
St. Mary's Grotto at 1:00 pm

**Oct 28 & 29** Whole Family Class -  
Class is Mass

**Nov 3 & 4** Circles of Care Lesson

**Nov 18 & 19** Whole Family Prayer -  
Giving Thanks to God

**Dec 2 & 3** Whole Family Class  
Advent

**Dec 16 & 17** Whole Family Prayer

**Dec 24** Children's Christmas Eve  
Pageant and Mass 4:00 pm

**Jan 27 & 28** Family Prayer for Peace

**Feb 2** 1st Reconciliation 10:00 am

**Mar 3 & 4** Whole Family Class

**Mar 24 & 25** Stations of the Cross

**Mar 31 & Apr 1** Whole Family Class -  
Class is Mass

**Apr 28** Confirmation

**May 13** Parish Living Rosary

**May 18 & 19** 1st Communion Masses

**June 2/3** Year-end Service celebration

## 2018-2019 Faith Formation Class Dates

September: 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30

October 1, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29

November 4, 5, 18, 19

December 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17

January 6, 7, 13, 14, 27, 28

February 3, 4, 10, 11

March 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31

April 1, 7, 8, 28, 29

May 5, 6, 13, 19, 20

June 1 or 2



**Sunday classes at 9am**

**Monday K to 6 at 6pm**

**7 & 8 at 7pm**



*Please post calendar and keep handy so your  
family is sure to join in on all Faith For-  
mation activities*

## Family Together Sessions

(the whole family attends not just the kids):

**October 28 and 29 Class is Mass** – families  
come to class in church to celebrate and learn  
about the Mass together

**December 2 and 3 – Advent**  
Families come to class together to learn about  
and prepare for the beautiful season of  
Advent

**March 3 and 4 – Lent**  
Families attend class together to plan their  
Lent

**Mar 31/Apr 1 Class is Mass** – families  
come to class in church to celebrate and learn  
about the Mass together

**June 2 or 3 - Service to Our Community**

### Families Praying Together

(parents join kids for the first few minutes of  
class to prayer together)

**November 18 and 19 Prayers of Thanks**  
Families join children in church for the first  
few minutes of class to give prayers of  
thanksgiving.

**December 16 and 17 Christmas Prayers**  
Families join their children for the first few  
minutes of class to reflect on and pray about  
the birth of Christ

**Jan 27 and 28 Prayers for Peace**  
Families join kids praying for peace

**March 24 and 25 Stations of the Cross**  
Families are invited to come and pray the Sta-  
tions of the Cross

**May 13 Living Rosary**  
Sunday and Monday families join children to  
pray the Rosary

## Student series: Finding God



We are using the Loyola Press series “Finding God” for the 1 to 8 program .

There is an extensive online component with the program. Many resources for parents and for students to use.

I encourage you to go to the website

**findinggod.com** to check it out.

If you click on the **Family Resources** section and chose your child’s grade you will find an interactive review game for each session and a fun game, Fishers of Faith, at the end of each unit for the children.

You will also find a column called “**Living My Faith**” which is the last page of your child’s book for that session. There is also “**Raising Faith Filled Kids**” which is a quick one page on the message of the lesson that week, but for adults.

There is also a section titled “**At-home Edition**” which offers a lesson plan specifically for parents if your child missed the class. Your child can bring home their book and you can do the lesson together.

For our 7th and 8th graders the teachers will provide a session sheet the child can complete if they miss a class. Our 7th and 8th graders should make up all sessions missed. Please see the website for more information. This will also be discussed at the parent meeting.

*Our family Faith Formation website can be found at [stmarysofthelakeff.com](http://stmarysofthelakeff.com) . It contains many resources to help your family grow in faith.*



## St. Mary's Faith Formation Online

[Stmarysofthelakeff.com](http://Stmarysofthelakeff.com)

### Why visit the Family Faith formation website?

- You need another copy of the calendar
- You need the Sacramental calendar
- You would like to see pictures of recent activities at St. Mary’s
- You deleted the email with the information about an upcoming event/class/volunteer opportunity
- Your 7th or 8th grader needs to make up a missed class
- You would like to review the curriculum for the Circles of Care lesson
- You are looking for some ideas/resources/links to expand your own faith
- You would like the links to the online resources offered in connection with the children’s resources we use in class
- It is summer and you would like resources for families growing in faith in the summer
- Articles on helping your child/teen through grief and loss
- Inspirational videos for adults and kids—so many great ones out there
- Articles on Mass with kids
- And so much more for your family...

## Whole Family Classes



Once again this year our program will include several classes in which the entire family attends together. These whole family classes are designed to give busy families the opportunity to take a moment as a family to focus on each other, their faith and to learn and grow together. Families will leave each class with the resources to continue this learning and sharing at home.

Family classes will be offered at the beginning of Advent and Lent this year.

New this year for whole family classes will be Class is Mass. Twice this year during regular class time families will come to class together and celebrate mass. Fr. Dunn and Fr. Lou will make these teaching masses—helping students and parents alike gain a better understanding of the mass and why we do what we do during Mass. Each class will focus on a different part of the Mass. Attendance will be taken. These classes will be offered at the end of October and March.

We will end the year once again with family service to our community in June.