

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 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!

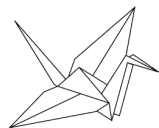


2019-2020

Together we can make a
world of difference...

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Dates to Note...



Sept 8 Blessed Beginnings
Mass, 10:15am

Oct 6 Blessing of Our Pets at the St.
Mary's Grotto at 1:00 pm

Oct 20 & 21 Whole Family Class - The
Seven Sacraments

Nov 3 & 4 Circles of Care Lesson K-7

Nov 24 & 25 Whole Family Prayer -
Giving Thanks to God

Dec 1 Spaghetti Dinner and Advent
wreath making

Dec 15 & 16 Whole Family Prayer

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

Jan 26 & 27 Circles of Care Grade 8

Feb 1 1st Reconciliation 10:00 am

Mar 1 & 2 Whole Family Class Lent

Mar 22 & 23 Stations of the Cross

Apr 26 Confirmation

May 3 & 4 Whole Family Class -
Mary

May 11 Parish Living Rosary

May 17 & 18 1st Communion Masses

2019-2020 Faith Formation Class Dates

September: 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30

October 6, 7, 20, 21, 27, 28

November 3, 4, 17, 18, 24, 25

December 8, 9, 15, 16,

January 5, 6, 12, 13, 26, 27

February 2, 3, 9, 10

March 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30

April 19, 20, 26, 27

May 3, 4, 11, 17, 18

Sunday classes at 9am

Monday classes at 6pm



Family Masses

Grades 3 & 4 Sunday, Oct 6 10:15am

Grades 5 & 6 Sunday, Feb 2 10:15am

Grades 7 & 8 Sunday, May 3 10:15am



*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 20 and 21 Seven Sacraments –
families come to class together to learn about
the 7 Sacraments

December 1st – Advent Wreaths
Families come together for a spaghetti dinner
and to learn about and prepare for the beauti-
ful season of Advent and make an Advent
wreath – please RSVP

March 1 and 2 – Lent
Families attend class together to plan their
Lent

May 3 & 4 – Our Mother Mary -
families come to class to learn more about
Mary and the Rosary

Families Praying Together

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

November 24 and 25 Prayers of Thanks
Families join children in church for the first
few minutes of class to give prayers of
thanksgiving.

December 15 and 16 Christmas Prayers
Families join their children for the first few
minutes of class to reflect on and pray about
the birth of Christ

March 22 and 23 Stations of the Cross
Families are invited to come and pray the Sta-
tions of the Cross

May 11 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 . It contains many resources to help your family grow in faith.



St. Mary’s Faith Formation Online

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 on the Seven Sacraments, Lent and Our Mother Mary this year.

Continuing on with our teaching of the Mass, the students will have two lessons about the mass and what goes into Liturgy planning. We will then have special grade masses where the students can participate if they chose. 3rd/4th grade Mass is in October, 5th/6th grade mass is February and 7th/8th grade mass is in May. Families should attend these masses with their children.

We look forward to growing in faith with your whole family this year.



Class assignments:

Sunday

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Catechist</u>	<u>Room #</u>	<u>Up or downstairs</u>
1/K	Mrs. Blackler	21	Up
2	Mrs. Murphy	26	Up
3	Mrs. Clark	25	Up
4	Mrs. Campbell	22	Up
5	Mrs. Metz	24	Up
6	Mr. Zellinger	9	Down
7	Mr. Legg	8	Down
8	Mrs. LaBeau	1	Down

Monday

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Catechist</u>	<u>Room #</u>	<u>Up or downstairs - time</u>
K	Mr. Vitale	23	Up
1	Mrs. Notarpole	21	Up
2	Mrs. Harvey	26	Up
3		25	Up
4	Mrs. Williams	22	Up
5	Mrs. Reed	24	Up
6	Mrs. Behan	9	Down
7	Mr. Dempsey	1	Down
8	Mr. Wawro	5	Down

You're Invited!
Blessed Beginnings
Mass

Sunday, September
8th at 10:15 am

Bring your backpack to have
it blessed!