

2018 PARENT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

OUR CATECHISTS:

Kindergarten	Ann Niesz plus student assistants	5th Grade	Diane Brown and Deb Dominianni
1st Grade	Yvette Baggs and Riayn Baggs	6th Grade	Kevin Dey and Rosie Lobley-VanZant
2nd Grade	Angie Taylor and Maria Sformo	7th Grade	Jack Kirby and Denise Smith
3rd Grade	Beverly Antonio and Jill Carhart	8th Grade	Charlie Baggs and Kathleen Shaw
4th Grade	Erin Holthaus and Jennifer Holdgreve		

COMING UP:

September 16 – Youth Mass,
9:15a

September 23 – Fire Drill

**October 7 – Blessing of the
Animals, 11:10 am**
Corbaley Yard.

October 14 – Youth Mass, 9:15a
FIRST FAMILY DAY – See
“What’s New” for more info.

Changes to Make-up Work –

The following steps must be completed to receive credit: 1) your child must bring the appropriate chapter from his/her workbook home to be read and reviewed with you. 2) Your child should then complete the Chapter Review and review with parent. 3) Clearly mark your child’s name and grade on the Chapter Review before turning it in to Mary Wood.

Make-up work is strongly encouraged but not required unless attendance falls below 70%.

CURRICULUM:

This year we will continue to use “Allelu” for Kindergarten, and the “Alive in Christ” series for Grades 1 – 6, published by Our Sunday Visitor. It is a spiral curriculum addressing the 7 topic areas of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Revelation, Trinity, Jesus Christ, The Church, Morality, Sacraments, and Kingdom of God. Each grade will explore these topic areas, diving deeper each year according to their appropriate development levels.

Family + Faith page - Each week, in **Grades 1 through 6**, your children should bring home with them the Family + Faith page from the end of the chapter they are studying. On it is a brief outline for you of *what* they learned, a section which explains *how* they understood the information based on their developmental level, and some thoughts on how this learning can apply to your everyday lives. After you have taken a few moments to review these items, you are encouraged then to use the “Let’s Talk” section to invite your children to share their understanding of the material. There is also a “Let’s Pray” suggestion that usually involves a saint that your child learned about in class.

Setting the Family Table – Kindergarteners will bring home a “placemat” to continue their learning throughout the week. On one side is the lesson that they did in class. On the other side is a placemat that they can use when they sit down for meals with you during the week with information for you to encourage them to incorporate and practice what they have learned.

NEW! – Grades 7 and 8 will begin this year by engaging the 5 week DVD series by Ascension Press, *Altaration*, getting an in depth look at the Mass styled specifically for adolescents. **Parents are invited to view the series** with their children. Videos will be shown in the main hall. To view the video clip we watched during the meeting, click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uEGd0QYjrKI>

For the remainder of the year, Grades 7 and 8 will use “Faith Fusion”, also by Our Sunday Visitor, to examine the teachings of our faith. Faith Fusion is more appropriately designed for parish settings, and I anticipate it will be a notable improvement over last year’s intensive curriculum.

Form A – If we already have a Form A (Annual Consent and Release) on file for your child, then all you need do is verify the information, make any necessary changes, and sign and date the form. If we do not have one on file, then one must be filled out. This is a REQUIRED form for your child to attend classes here. **The deadline to either review and sign last year’s form or submit a new one is October 1.**

Dismissal – If you want to have your child leave with another adult, I need to have your written authorization to do so on file. Ms. Carolyn has a binder with the authorizations at her table in Corbaley Hall – please see her to fill one out.

“Living our Faith” on Both Sides of the Street – In order to continue fostering a sense of the *important connection between their encounter with Christ in Church (the east side of Homewood Ave.) and their encounter with Christ through Faith Formation (the west side)*, we will continue our tradition of inviting our young people to sit with their class on designated Sundays. Parents, please note: while your children may sit with their class on such Sundays or may be participating in a particular way at Mass on Youth Mass Sundays, they are nevertheless under your supervision, so your presence there is essential.

We will also continue with the Mobile Confessional! On designated Sundays, Fr. Clem (the mobile one!) will come to Corbaley Hall during classes and set up a confessional in the Library/Staff Room (next to my office) and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with students. Grades 3 – 8 will choose their Sundays to participate. Participation will be strictly voluntary, but strongly encouraged – our goal is to help our young people learn, understand, and experience the wonder of this sacrament of healing!

WHAT’S NEW

FAMILY DAYS!

The students in Grades K - 6 will have the opportunity on two separate Sundays to bring their parents to class! On the designated Sunday, children, along with their parents and siblings, if available, will meet in the main hall for a Family Lesson which will be interactive and filled with lots of learning and fun!

Oct. 14– Grades K and 1

Nov. 18 – Grades 2, 3 & 4

Jan. 27 - Grades 5 & 6

Feb. 24 – Grades K & 1

Mar. 24 – Grades 2, 3 & 4

Apr. 7 – Grades 5 & 6

BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM: A FAMILY ADVENT EVENT!

Mark your calendars: **December 1**, from **9am to Noon**, Corbaley Hall will be transformed into a mini-Bethlehem! Families will be treated to activities (and breakfast!) to get in the Advent Spirit!

YOUTH MASSES

September 16	December 9	March 10
October 14	January 13	April 7
November 11	February 10	April 28*

Cathy Emory, our music director, is presently practicing with our new Youth Band who will provide the musical accompaniment this year (young people and parents who are **interested in participating in the band should contact Cathy Emory at: mosmusic@verizon.net** or 410-758-0143, ext. 6). Sign-ups for participation in the Youth Masses will be handed out in class. Please encourage your children to sign up to participate – the Mass will come alive in a new way for them!

You will note two Youth Masses in April. This is because the second Sunday of April is Palm Sunday, so we opted to move it forward a week. Since Easter is on April 21, and we only have one more class following that, we will be starting with our final Youth Mass that day. It will be a regular class day with no Awards Brunch this year so that Catechists can finish up with their classes before dismissing for the end of the program year.

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

The **Confirmation Class** will be sponsoring a themed Lunch in October, January and February to raise funds for their Pilgrimage to Emmitsburg, MD, as well as the supplies for the Easter Egg Hunt during Lent. A lunch will consist of pizza, a bag of chips, a dessert, and a drink for \$5. Lunch will be served in the main hall as children are dismissed from their classes at 11:25.

Pre-orders will be taken in class the week prior to the scheduled lunch.

October 28

January 27

February 24

Thank you for supporting the Confirmation Class!

ALSO ON THE CALENDAR:

ADVENT 2018

December 9 – Cookie Bake – The Cookie Bake will begin during religious ed. classes this year so that more children can participate. Those children who opt to stay past class time will be served lunch.

December 16 – Advent Celebration – Classes will gather at 11 am to enjoy the Advent Play to be performed by our 7th Grade.

March 17 – 8th Grade Stations of the Cross, Extended class – 10:15 – 12:15.

April 13 – Easter Eggstravaganza! This has been so much fun for the past three years! The Confirmation Class will sponsor the 4th Annual Easter Eggstravaganza at Corbaley Hall beginning at 10 am. There will be games, fun activities, and a giant Easter Egg Hunt! Children through 5th grade are invited to participate.

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Visit the parish website to find up to date special announcements, the parish and religious ed. calendar, photos of activities at OMOS, and much more!