

SAVE THESE DATES!

"Called to Serve" Family Sunday

November 11, 2018 starting @ 2:00pm

& concluding with pizza & Ice Cream

St. Paul the Apostle Church

2777 Albany St. Schenectady NY

Sponsored by the Works of Mercy Initiative & Faith Formation Programs of the Schenectady area Catholic Churches. Register in the Faith Formation Office OR contact worksofmercyschdy@live.com or call 347-0871.

Important dates for SMS & SG 1st Communion Families

First Reconciliation Meeting for Parents

October 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in SMS Parish Hall (Upstairs)

to discuss preparation and to sign up for a First Reconciliation time.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Friday, November 30th at SMS or

Wednesday, December 5th at SG at 6:00 pm

First Communion Meeting for Parents

January 29th at 6:30 pm in the SMS Parish Hall Upstairs.

At least one parent should attend to discuss preparation for First Communion and sign up for preferred Liturgy.

First Communion Rehearsals for children and parents:

At SMS Church: For SMS children

April 7th @ 9:00-12 noon: Rehearsal in Church/Retreat Parish Hall

April 30th @ 4:30 pm: for SMS students attending the 9am mass

May 1st @ 4:30 pm: for SMS students attending the 11am mass

At SGA Church: For St. Gabriel's children

April 28th @10:30-1:30pm: Rehearsal/Retreat in Church

May 9th @ 5pm: Rehearsal in Church for **SGA** students **Only**.

Sacrament of First Communion Liturgies

May 4th at St. Madeleine Church at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

May 11th at St. Gabriel's Church at 10:00 a.m.

Handbook 2018-2019



Faith Formation Offices

St. Madeleine Sophie Parish

Website: www.smsparish.org

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FFO@smsparish.org

Office Hours: 10am-3pm {M-TH}

& During Class Times in the School

Or By Appointment

St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish

Website: www.stgabrielschurch.com

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Schenectady, NY 12303

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Office Hours: 9am-1pm Monday, &

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Terri Bouchard, Assistant Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation
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Sr. Rosemary Ann Cuneo, CR, Pastoral Associate for
Youth & Young Adult Ministry (sisterro@smsparish.org)

Mass Schedule

St. Madeleine Sophie Parish

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am & 7:00pm

St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish

Sunday: 7:30am & 10:30am

Office of Faith Formation



September 2018

Dear Families,

We welcome you to the 2018-19 Faith Formation Program and thank you for enrolling your children. If you know someone not currently registered who would still like to, please have them contact us. New families are always welcome to join our parish programs. We've put together this handbook to share helpful information and dates for Faith Formation sessions and activities that are scheduled throughout the year.

Faith Formation is an on-going, life-long process that forms, informs and transforms us to become disciples of Jesus Christ. We invite each of you to become an active participant in this process. Parents are the first, and indeed the best, religious educators of their children.

Several components are involved for children to "live their faith." By enrolling your child/children in a Faith Formation program, you, as parents, are providing the first component which is called "catechesis." Other important components include attending Mass and serving others in our community and world.

We encourage you to attend Mass on a weekly basis as a family. St. Madeleine Sophie Church offers Mass on Saturday at 4:00pm and Sunday at 9:00am & 7:00pm; Mass is offered on Sunday at 7:30am & 10:30am at St. Gabriel the Archangel Church.

The Faith Formation program is only able to succeed because of the dedicated volunteers who share our Catholic faith with your children. There are always opportunities for you to get involved in parish life too...just ask us how you can help! We appreciate your support and your prayers for another rewarding year together!

May God Bless You!

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Registration

Every participant needs to register every year. Registration forms may be obtained at the Faith Formation Office, Church gathering area or on the Parish websites.

Baptismal Certificates

The Faith Formation Office requires that parents provide a copy of each child's Baptismal Certificate to keep on file, unless a child was baptized at St. Madeleine Sophie or St. Gabriel's Church.

Arrivals & Dismissals

The safety of every young parishioner in our program is extremely important to us. Elementary school aged children must be brought directly to their classrooms by an adult, and be picked up by an adult from the classroom at dismissal time. Written permission is requested if a child is going home with an adult not listed on the registration form.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes and special events to get the most out of the Faith Formation program. Attendance is taken at all scheduled sessions; kindly contact the Faith Formation Office if you know your child will not be able to be present.

Cancellations

Classes will be held as scheduled unless severe weather or other emergencies arise. Cancellations for SMS & SGA's Faith Formation programs will be listed on TV and notification will be sent by email.

Snack

Because numerous children in the Faith Formation programs have food allergies and dietary restrictions, we're requesting that no snacks be provided during class time unless discussed with the catechists first or pre-arranged for special occasions.