

GOOD NEWS



K-12 Faith Formation and Youth Ministry News— *Our Lady Queen of Peace & St. Thomas More*

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WELCOME BACK! It is with great enthusiasm and joy that I welcome you and your children to another wonderful school year of faith formation classes and youth ministry activities at Our Lady Queen of Peace and St. Thomas More. I cannot wait to see all the students once again, and I am especially looking forward to getting to know the new faces in the crowd. I invite you, along with your children, to heed the invitation throughout the coming months to grow in faith and love of the Lord, and to experience the goodness and grace that follows!

Please note that in order to improve the entirety of our K-12 Faith Formation/Youth Ministry program, we have made some changes to what is being offered. All the necessary schedules and registration forms can be found at either worship site or by contacting me directly.

- ◇ K-5 Faith Formation will be offered on Tuesdays at STM in the Siena Academy classrooms from 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm. I look forward to seeing your kiddos there and especially sharing closing prayer with them and hopefully you! ***Please return your registration forms by September 15th. Classes begin on September 26th.***
- ◇ **Junior High Faith Formation (for grades 6, 7 and 8)** will continue to meet on alternate Sunday evenings at OLQP from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. ***Please return your registration forms by September 15th. Classes begin on September 17th.***
- ◇ Senior High Youth Group (**for grades 9-12**) will continue to meet on alternate Sunday evenings at OLQP from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. ***Again, please return your registration forms by September 15th. Gatherings begin on September 24th.***

For those children who are interested in celebrating their First Reconciliation this fall, please note that Inscription will be held on October 8th at both worship sites. Please note that per the Diocese of Rochester, children need to have received their first sacramental confession before being prepared for and receiving first Eucharist. Therefore, for those of you who have children that you would like to celebrate First Eucharist in May 2018, please enroll them in the First Reconciliation preparation program that begins in October. Please contact me for the registration information.

As we head into such a very busy time of year, please know that you and yours are in my constant prayers. It is my hope for our families that by attending weekly Mass, faith formation classes and youth ministry gatherings, and through the relationships we create within our amazing faith community, that we will all know the peacefulness and prayerfulness that is necessary for us to hear God speak to our hearts and enter our lives.

Peace & blessings,
Jodi Miller
Director of Faith Formation

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OLQP/STM now has a Facebook page!
Next time you log on, type @olqpstm in the search field and keep us updated on what is happening in our community!



**PLEASE RETURN YOUR K-12
FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION
PAPERWORK BY SEPTEMBER 15th!**



**K-5 Faith Formation Schedule
(Grades K-5) Sept/Oct 2017**

9/26 Opening Night of Classes
STM 6 pm to 7:15 pm
Parents attend with children!

Class at 6 pm to 7:15 pm on:
10/3
10/10
10/17
10/24

**Junior High Faith Formation Schedule
(Grades 6-8) Sept/Oct 2017**

9/17 Opening Night of Classes at
OLQP - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

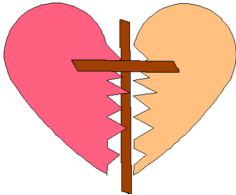
10/1 Class OLQP 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
10/15 Class OLQP 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
10/29 Class OLQP 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

**Senior High Youth Group Schedule
(Grades 9-12) Sept/Oct 2017**

9/24 Opening Night of Classes at
OLQP - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

10/8 Class OLQP 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
10/22 Class OLQP 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

***First Reconciliation Preparation
Begins on October 8, 2017***



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2017 First Reconciliation Schedule

October 8	Inscription (after the Creed)	9:30 am OLQP <u>or</u> 10:30 am STM - Family Choice!
October 12	6:30 pm to 7:30 pm	Lesson 1 at STM (Parents & Students)
October 19	Home Study	Lesson 2
October 26	6:30pm to 7:30 PM	Lesson 3 at STM (Parents & Students)
November 2	Home Study	Lesson 4
November 9	6:30 pm to 7:30 pm	Lesson 5 at STM (Parents and Students)
Nov 12-18	Individual interviews with candidates	TBA
November 16	Home Study	Lesson 6
November 18	<i>First Reconciliation Celebration</i>	<i>10:00 am at Our Lady Queen of Peace</i>

Students are required to attend all three group sessions.

Registration materials are available at both worship sites or by contacting
Jodi Miller at jodi.miller@dor.org or 244-3010/381-4200



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION INFORMATION

*Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation
is a two-year catechetical process that begins no sooner than 8th grade.*

2017–18 Confirmation Preparation (Year 1)

For students attending public school, Year 1 Confirmation preparation classes are incorporated into Grade 8 Junior High Faith Formation meetings.

For students attending Catholic School, formation is received in Theology class.

Year 1 Requirements FOR ALL CANDIDATES:

- Candidate must have received appropriate formal faith formation for their age and be enrolled in and attend Junior High Faith Formation or Catholic school.
- Program Kick-Off Meeting* (Parent required to attend with student) on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 6:30 pm at OLQP.
- Confirmation Inscription* - Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 9:30 am Mass at OLQP or 10:30 am Mass at STM
- Retreat on Sunday, December 3, 2017 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. (Details to follow.)
- Participation in (3) community service projects along with written reflections.
- Regular attendance at weekly liturgical worship.

2017-18 Confirmation Preparation (Year 2)

For students attending public school, Year 2 Confirmation preparation is incorporated into Senior High Youth Ministry meetings.

For students attending Catholic School, formation is received in Theology class.

Year 2 Requirements FOR ALL CANDIDATES:

- Candidate must have completed all Year 1 preparation requirements and be enrolled in and attend Senior High Youth Group or Catholic school.
- Program Kick-Off Meeting* (Parent required to attend with student) on Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 6:30 pm at OLQP.
- Participation in full-day retreat on Sunday, April 15, 2018 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.
(*Sponsor is required to attend with candidate from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.*)
- Participation in (3) community service projects along with written reflections.
- Candidate/Sponsor Faith Sharing reflections due: Nov 5, Jan 7 and Apr 15.
- Immediate Preparation* - Thursday, April 19th at 6:30 pm at OLQP
- Interview with pastoral leader ... *Dates/Times TBD*
- Regular attendance at weekly liturgical worship.

**Questions? Please contact Jodi Miller at
jmiller@dor.org or 244-3010 or 381-4200**



Faith Formation Coffee Hour Volunteers & Bakers Needed!

Faith Formation Coffee Hour Volunteers are needed to help run faith formation sponsored coffee hours this year at OLQP and STM. Bakers are also needed! Please consider helping out at one or more of the dates listed below:

STM - Oct 8 and Feb 11

OLQP - Oct 8 and Feb 11

Contact Jodi for more information on these opportunities at jodi.miller@dor.org



Start Dates:

JHFF.....Sept 17

SHYG.....Sept 24

GRADES 6 - 8 Junior High Faith Formation

Twice monthly - alternate Sundays 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

GRADES 9 - 12 Senior High Youth Group

Twice monthly - alternate Sundays 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Registration paperwork due by September 15th!

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both worship sites.*

*To register your child, please contact Jodi Miller at:
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