



Dear Parishioners,

Article # 5 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church defines catechesis:

“Catechesis is an *education in the faith* of children, young people, and adults which includes especially the teaching of Christian doctrine, imparted ... with a view to initiating the hearers into the fullness of Christian life. CCC # 5

Because of our commitment to catechesis at St. Joseph Church, the way we do faith formation is called *Generations of Faith*. It is an innovative approach that helps the parish to become a community of lifelong learners.

Each gathering includes:

- *A Prepared Meal*
- *An Opening Experience* that introduces the topic.
- *Learning Sessions* that are appropriate for the different ages that participate.
- *Group Conversation* about what was learned.

With the strength that comes from our dependence on the Holy Spirit, we look forward to the year ahead. *The faith we profess has been handed down from one generation to the next for the last 246 years here at St. Joseph Church, the oldest Catholic community in New Jersey.* Your presence and participation at each of the sessions of Generations of Faith continues this legacy. At the same time all of us are being drawn closer to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Included in this packet is a copy of our parish sacramental policy and the forms needed to register your household for the fall. Please return them to the parish office as soon as possible. We hope you will join us !

If you have questions, please call us.

I look forward to meeting you.

Sr. Geraldine



Lifelong Learning of the Catholic Faith for All Ages

Household Name _____ Today's Date _____

Email Address (Primary means of communications.) _____

Address _____

Home Phone Number _____ Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Is your family registered in our parish? Yes: ___ No: ___

Please list only adults & children who will be attending. Children must be accompanied by at least one adult.

Adults			
Last Name	First Name	Cell Phone Number	
Children		Grade [K-12] as of September 2011	Name of School Attending
Last Name	First Name		

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers ensure that our Faith Gatherings run smoothly. We are grateful for the gifts you share.

Please prayerfully consider helping as a catechist or coordinator. Invite someone to work with you and share the responsibilities. Feel free to call if you have any questions/hesitations regarding these volunteer positions. Coordinators will be contacted with specifics about their responsibilities.

_____ Catechist [Training is provided.] Grade Level _____

_____ Coordinator for Kitchen/Meals [Friday, Saturday or Sunday] _____ Coordinator of Publicity

_____ Coordinator of Set-Up & Clean-Up [Friday, Saturday or Sunday] _____ Coordinator of Hospitality/Welcomers

_____ Coordinator of Child Care _____ Coordinator for Environment [Decorating Prayer Space & Tables]

Name of person volunteering: _____
 I would like to work with: _____

Please select the session your family wishes to attend.

Full Friday

_____ Saturday 9:30-12 Noon

_____ Sunday 1:00-3:30 PM

_____ Sunday 9:45-11:45 AM (This session is *only* for families with children in Grades K-5.)

~ Please complete both sides of the form. ~

Food Allergies: Please inform us if anyone in your household has food allergies. _____

Child Care [For pre-school age children.]

_____ Name of Child	_____ Age of Child	_____ Child's Date of Birth
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**Fees are due at the time of registration.
Fees include all program materials and meals for each family.**

Checks made payable to: **St. Joseph Church**
Financial Assistance is available if needed. Please contact Justine Smith.

Please return form with fee as soon as possible to the attention of Justine Smith.

Households with one child	\$ 100.00
Households with two children	\$ 130.00
Households with three or more children	\$ 150.00
Household with adults only	\$ 30.00 per person

**Generations of Faith follows a 6-year revolving curriculum,
based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, that covers all the essentials
of our Catholic faith for life long learning.**

The Church Year & Seasons	2006 - 2007
The Creed	2007 - 2008
The Seven Sacraments	2008 - 2009
Catholic Morality	2009 - 2010
Prayer & Spirituality	2010 - 2011
Catholic Practices	2011 - 2012

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For Office Use Only:

Check No. _____ Date of Check _____ Amount of Check _____