

Heavenly Father,

We pray that:

*Our Family may seek a deeper
relationship with your Son, Jesus.*

*Our Family may bear witness to our
experience of your love through
your Son, Jesus*

*Our Family may respond to your call
for us to live the Gospel as missionaries
to those in need through your Son, Jesus.*

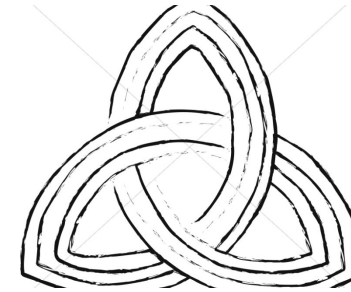
*Our Family may, with the guidance of the
Holy Spirit, respond to your call for us
to be disciples of you Son, Jesus.*

***Our Family will gather together, for the Holy
Sacrifice of the Mass, to receive the true
presence of the Body and Blood of your
Son, Jesus.***

AMEN



HOLY TRINITY PARISH



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD)

2017-2018

Program Calendar

“Living As Missionary Disciples”

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We welcome you and your children to another year of discovering the “awe and wonder” of God’s love for us!

This year, your children will be using a different book that will emphasize the importance of rediscovering and living our Catholic faith and identity.

Additionally, you will find a most inviting way of becoming engaged with your child’s faith journey in their book and through a user friendly website with enriching resources.

During the course of the year, there will be mini workshops, discussions, and meetings held while your children are attending class; we’ll get to know one another better while building a community of faith.

Be assured of our support and prayers for your family as you continue your journey of faith.

With God’s Blessings,

Deacon Lee and Your Child’s Catechist

Our Catholic Faith

The “Source and Summit” of our faith is the Holy Eucharist.

Participation at Mass and receiving Holy Communion defines who we are as Catholics.

Weekly religious education class (CCD) is necessary to build a foundation of faith but is not a substitute for attending Mass.

When a child is baptized, parents receive the following blessing:

“God is the giver of all life, human and divine. May the ‘parents’ of this child be the first teachers of their child in the ways of the faith. May they be, also, the best of teachers bearing witness to the faith by what they say and do...”

You are to be commended for sending your children each week and we are blessed to support you with their faith formation.

While we can teach the faith to your children, you, as parents, are the only ones who can “bear witness...by what you do.”

Students attending the 9 AM session will be dismissed at 9:50; those attending the 11 AM session will be dismissed at 11:50.

If someone other than a parent/guardian is picking up your child (ren,) please send a note to the teacher.

If your child(ren) requires to be dismissed early, send a note to the teacher; they must be picked at the front doors of the school.

Dress Code: Students are expected wear modest clothes without immoral or offensive graphics and language or anything contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church. PJ's and slippers are not permitted; proper grooming is expected.

Attendance: Please send a note when your child(ren) is absent or tardy; excessive absences and tardiness will be addressed. It is expected that children will attend 80% of the scheduled classes and activities.

Discipline: Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated; this includes class disruptions, disrespectfulness, foul language, inappropriate physical contact or fighting, or intimidation and bullying. Parents or guardians will be contacted to discuss any issues.

School Facilities: CCD is using the classrooms and desks of the school. Damages or writing on desks or in textbooks and notebooks will not be tolerated. Classrooms are checked before and after each class. Parents & guardians will be responsible for cleaning, repair, or replacement of anything damaged.

Cancellation of Class or Events: Announcements will be made on the local news channels of KDKA, WTAE, and WPXI. Also, announcements will be posted on the Option-C Religious Education (CCD) email system. During these times, the CCD Office will be closed.

SEPTEMBER

10 FIRST CLASS

17 Catechetical Sunday: All children & families will attend the 10 AM Mass. Meet teachers in class at 9:45; counts as class.

24 Class

OCTOBER

1 Class "Respect Life Sunday."

8 Class

15 Class: "Laity Sunday"

19 Confirmation Parent Prep: Cafeteria 6:30 PM

22 Class: "World Mission Sunday"

29 Class

NOVEMBER

1 "All Saints" (Holy Day of Obligation: Attend Mass)

2 "All Souls Day" Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

5 Class: "Vocations Awareness Week"

9 Family Night with pot luck meal: 6 PM Cafeteria, details to follow.

12 Class: "Stewardship Sunday"

19 Class: "Bible Sunday"

23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

26 NO CLASS: Last Sunday of the Church Year

DECEMBER

4 Class: 1st Sunday of Advent: New Church Year Begins

8 "Immaculate Conception" Holy Day of Obligation-Attend Mass

10 Class: 2nd Sunday of Advent

16 Reconciliation: Grades 3-8; meet in church at 10:15 AM.

17 Class: 3rd Sunday of Advent. "Gaudete Sunday" Lord is Nigh

24 NO CLASS: 4th Sunday of Advent (Break until January 7)

25 CHRISTMAS DAY

31 Feast: "Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph"

JANUARY

1 Octave of Nativity & Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

7 CLASS RESUMES: The Epiphany of the Lord

14 Class: Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

18 1st Reconciliation Parent Prep: 6:30 PM Cafeteria

21 Class

28 Class: Catholic Schools Week (Call Holy Trinity School to Enroll)

FEBRUARY

- 4 Class
- 11 "World Day of the Sick"
- 14 ASH WEDNESDAY: LENT BEGINS, Day of Fast & Abstinence**
- 18 Class: 1st Sunday of Lent
- 22 Family Night with pot luck meal: 6 PM cafeteria, details to follow.**
- 25 Class: 2nd Sunday of Lent. All children & families will attend 10 AM Mass. Meet teachers in class at 9:45; counts as class.**

MARCH

- 3 1st Reconciliation 10:30 AM, CCD & School.**
- 4 Class: 3rd Sunday of Lent
- 8 1st Communion Parent Prep: Cafeteria 6:30 PM**
- 11 Class: 4th Sunday of Lent "Latere Sunday"
- 18 Class: 5th Sunday of Lent
- 25 NO CLASS: PALM SUNDAY, Holy Week Begins**

TRIDUUM

- 29 HOLY THURSDAY: "Mass of the Lord's Supper"**
- 30 GOOD FRIDAY: "The Passion of the Lord"**
- 31 EASTER VIGIL: Holy Saturday**

APRIL

- 1 EASTER SUNDAY: "The Resurrection of the Lord"**
- 8 Class: "Divine Mercy Sunday"
- 15 Class
- 22 Class: "World Day of Prayer for Vocations"
- 29 LAST CLASS

MAY

- 3 Practice for 1st Communion: 6:00, 6:30, 7:00 PM
CCD & School. Details to follow.
- 5 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: 5 PM MASS**
- 6 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: 10 AM & NOON MASSES**
- 10 "Ascension of the Lord" Holy Day of Obligation (Attend Mass)**
- 13 Mother's Day
- 20 PENTECOST SUNDAY**
- 27 SOLEMNITY: "THE MOST HOLY TRINITY"**

JUNE

- 3 The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ: "Corpus Christi"**
- 17 Father's Day

VACATION BIBLE CAMP: June 25-29, 2018

CONFIRMATION

DATE: This is determined by the Bishop's office; notification will be given when this information is received.

RETREAT: To be announced.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Grades 6-8

Sign up forms are available on the parish website and in the church vestibule.

Meetings will be held on the following dates at the ministry center. Activities and special events will be posted on the church website and in the Sunday bulletin.

September....20	December....13	March.....7 & 21
October.....4 & 18	January.....10 & 24	April.....4 & 18
November.....1, 15 & 29	February.....7 & 21	May.....2 & 16

Please contact Kristin Hayes for more information about the Youth Group:

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General Information

Safety: During class, the school will be locked for the safety of the children.

Arrival & Dismissal: Upon arrival, students will enter through the front doors of the school. At dismissal, those going to Mass will leave through the front doors; students not attending Mass will be dismissed from the cafeteria or gym doors.