



Church of St. John the Baptist

Msgr. Morris Parish Center
One Valley Street
Hillsdale, NJ 07642
201-666-2707

April 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you and your family are well. It is time to register your child(ren) who will be entering the grades 1 through 8 in September for the 2023-2024 CCD Programs here at St. John's. We look forward to being partners with you this year in sharing our Catholic faith with you and your child(ren). Please read everything carefully.

Our 2023-2024 CCD programs have TWO NEW options this year. There is a **second option for the Summer Program in August and a Tuesday Weekly Program.** Further details are included in the forms.

We maybe using both the parish center and classrooms at the Academy. Our CCD programs are only possible with you the parents volunteering as a catechist and or co-catechist. As a parent you teach your child(ren) every day, so you are already qualified. We will give you all the support and instruction to make being a catechist a wonderful experience.

While we cannot guarantee placement in your preferred program (either Summer or Weekly programs) we ask that you select from the programs in order of priority. 1 being your TOP priority, and 4 being your least preferred. We do our best to accommodate but appreciate your understanding ahead of time.

All families registering children in our CCD programs must be parishioners of St. John the Baptist parish community.

Attached are the following:

- **Registration forms** to be filled out and returned:
 - Summer CCD Registration MUST be mailed NO dropping off. It will be returned to you. Postmark cannot be before April 7 and no later than April 21.
 - Family Home Program, Jr. High Home and both Weekly registrations can be dropped off or mailed no later than Monday, May 15. Late fee of \$50 if received after May 18.
 - Includes all medical and emergency information – all information will be kept confidential.
 - Parent Volunteering Opportunities. Please consider being a catechist or classroom aide. No catechist, no classes. Training is given to all who are new.
 - General Information and Explanation of each CCD Program

If you have a child going into **ninth grade** in **September 2023** do not put them on this registration form. Confirmation is a separate registration. If you are new to the parish and have a child in high school who was not confirmed, **please call 201-666-2707 ext 211** to register for the Confirmation program.

First Communion and Reconciliation are usually received in second grade. Preparation for sacraments is the responsibility of the parish in a **separate program**. Registration for that program will be **mailed in the summer to all enrolled in one of our CCD programs** or the Academy in grade 2.

Please email Cathy Wollyung (cwollyung@stjohnhillsdale.com) or me (kbreitenbach@stjohnhillsdale.com) if you have any concerns or questions. The parish Center number is 201-666-2707.

God bless you and your family.

Yours in Christ,

Kathy Breitenbach, Registrar/CCD Program Administrator

Catherine Wollyung, Pastoral Associate

John the Baptist R.C. Church General Information for 2023-2024 CCD Programs

- All families registering children in our CCD programs must be parishioners of St. John's Parish Community.
 - Active parishioner Envelope # _____ New Parishioner _____
- All new registration must be accompanied by a copy of the baptismal certificate, and any other additional sacramental records/prior Religious Education records if applicable (i.e., if the student is new to our program beyond 1st grade).
- All returning students must complete a Registration Form. No student is automatically re-registered.
- **SUMMER REGISTRATION and payment must be mailed.** The envelope cannot be postmarked before April 7. The deadline for summer registration is April 21.
- Sunday, Tuesday and Home program registration and payment can be dropped off at the parish center. All registrations should be returned by May 15. After May 18 there will be a \$50 late fee.
- Mailing address for Registration is St. John the Baptist Church 1 Valley St. Hillsdale, NJ 07642 Attn: Registrar. Check made payable to St. John the Baptist Church
- **Summer Programs:** We are offering two different weeks as an option for the summer program. Further details are on Page 2. Classes are held in person.
- Attendance for all the Summer CCD dates is mandatory. If you plan a vacation or activity that overlaps any date and would require your child to be absent or leave early, then the Summer program is **NOT** for your family.
- Summer CCD classes return once a month on a Sunday from 8:45am to 9:45am beginning in September through April 2024. Dates to be determined. Several sessions are completed at home online Interactive Session.
- Please note that we can only accommodate the classes in which we have catechists for our Summer, Sunday, Tuesday, and Home Program (Gr. 1 to 6).
- **Fall CCD programs:** We also offer two in person weekly programs. Sundays 8:45am to 9:45am or Tuesdays each 4:15pm to 5:15pm. Only 3 absences are allowed for the year program. Our initial parent meeting will be in September. Date and time to be determined. More details on Page 2.
- **Family Home Programs:** We will continue to offer our home program for grades 1 through 6 and a Jr. High Home Program for grades 7 and 8th. Our initial parent meeting will be in September. Date and time to be determined. More details on Page 3
- Please note that we may need to implement changes in our programs, such as date due to weather. We thank you in advance for your understanding.
- Weekly attendance at Mass and the participation in the Sunday Eucharist is the center of our faith. Each family is expected to sign in once a month.

St. John the Baptist R.C. Church
Religious Education in Person CCD Program Descriptions
Children entering Grades 1st through 8th in September 2023

SUMMER PROGRAMS

1st Summer Program dates are June 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30. Attendance is required for all classes, which begin at 8:30am and end at 12:00pm each day.

2nd Summer Program dates are August 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. Attendance is required for all classes, which begin at 8:30am and end at 12:00pm each day.

Grades 1 through 6 the faith formation program resource is Finding God by Loyola Press, there are 15 out of 25 lessons taught in the week of summer. Several sessions may have to be completed at home with the answering of Interactive Sessions online.

Grades 7 and 8 the faith formation program resource is the Thematic Program Alive in Christ by Our Sunday Visitor. There are seven themed books in the two-year Junior High program. This year all Jr High students will be learning the following topics: Church, Sacraments and Morality.

Students are required to return once a month during the academic year on a Sunday morning from 8:45am to 9:45am beginning in September and ending in March/April 2024. Dates TBD

The CCD program concludes during the year in time for attending the 10:00am Mass. Mass attendance is part of St. John's CCD program. You may attend a different Mass than the 10am. It is wonderful to attend that time as there is a Children's Liturgy of the Word for the younger children.

SUNDAY AND TUESDAY WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Children entering Grades 1st through 6th in September 2023

NEW Tuesday Weekly for children entering Grades 1 through 6 in September 2023

The faith formation is "Finding God: by Loyola Press, there will be one lesson taught each week throughout the year. Classes are scheduled for Sunday mornings from 4:15pm to 5:15pm in the Parish Center. Classes will begin mid-September and end in April 2024. The initial parent meeting will be in September. Date to be determined.

Sunday Weekly for children entering Grades 1 through 6 in September 2023

The faith formation is "Finding God: by Loyola Press, there will be one lesson taught each week throughout the year. Classes are scheduled for Sunday mornings from 8:45AM to 9:45AM in the St. John Academy classrooms beginning mid-September and ending in April 2024. The initial parent meeting will be in September. Date and time to be determined.

**St. John the Baptist R.C. Church
Religious Education CCD at Home Program Descriptions**

**Family @ Home Program for
children entering Grades 1 through 6 in September 2023**

The Family Home Program is a completely cooperative effort between home and parish. The parish provides the resources and formal instruction for both parents and children. The family works at the reinforcement and informal instruction, within the family/home time.

Monthly gatherings will begin at 7:00pm with both parent and child(ren) arriving at the parish center and sharing opening prayer in the community room. After prayer the children will be dismissed to a classroom setting with a catechist and aide within the parish center or church rooms. Catechists will receive a reduction in fee. Further details can be discussed with Kathy Breitenbach.

The children will be taught the first session of each unit and parents will remain in the community room for the remaining 45 minutes for faith formation that will be taught by Pastoral Associate and or volunteers. After formation is over parents will pick their child(ren) up from his/her classroom.

We will begin with a parent meeting in September at which workbooks, calendar for Online Interactive lessons to be completed at home and gathering dates once a month in the evening from October through April will be distributed. Date and time to be determined.

**Junior High Home Program for children entering Grades 7 and 8
in September 2023**

7th and 8th graders continue to use the faith formation Jr. High Thematic program from Our Sunday Visitor. There will be one class each month at which time a review of the workbook is presented by the Pastoral Associate or catechist. At least one parent is to be with their child for each class. However, if children carpool only one adult must remain with the children throughout the formation. Homework is collected and previous work done is returned after the initial gathering.

The themed books for this year are The Church, Sacraments and Morality from the program Alive in Christ Sunday Visitors. Dates TBD