



Resurrection Catholic Community Faith Formation News 2017-2018

Welcome to All Families!

I hope everyone enjoyed the nice summer weather and the beautiful place we live in. As summer comes to an end we begin to prepare for the first day of school and the first day of Faith Formation—welcome everyone!

Last year Fr. Romeo was welcomed by all, and was seen at all the classes for K-5. He helped out wherever needed and was always having fun with the children. He showed up at classes for Middle School, High School Youth Group & Confirmation and attended many special events, retreats, and even went to Idaho with us in June. He is a great support for all of our Faith Formation Programs. We are truly blessed and glad to have him here as our pastor.

We have a great team of

catechists who are so supportive and dedicated to the children/teens of our parish. I want to especially welcome them back. They work so hard to bring the love of God into the lives of all the children/teens that they encounter every year. A few new catechists joined us last year and they have added so much to our program.

I would like to extend an invitation to any parent/grandparent that might have an hour or two to help out in any area of our Faith Formation Programs: K-5, Middle School, and High School/Confirmation. God gives us all gifts and talents. Sometimes we just need to take the first step in finding out how working with youth can be rewarding. We are one community, each of us on a

journey to deepen our faith. Let us all come together to support our youth as they continue their faith journey. Please give me a call anytime to discuss ways that you can help support our Faith Formation children/programs.

I look forward to seeing and meeting everyone at the upcoming “Meet the Catechists & Registration” on Sunday, August 27 at 11:30 am in the hall. Registration forms are available on our website (www.resurrection-aptos.org), in the church entrance and in the parish office.

Thanks and God Bless,

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As your family makes plans for the school year, don't forget to include our parish family Faith Formation activities!

We have many different types of activities for all family members. Check'em out!

For more information call Deacon Patrick Conway at 840-3750.

For Everyone! “Food & Faith” Gatherings

Here's a way to get your whole family talking about our faith! At our seasonal “Food & Faith” gatherings we come together as a parish family to share food and faith. We'll begin with a luncheon at 11:30 am (following the 10:15 AM Sunday liturgy). Then we'll have an exciting presentation and discussion led by speakers helping us to better understand and appreciate our Catholic faith and our relationship with God. This will be a great way to invite God

more deeply into our family life – always a good thing! It's also a great opportunity to introduce friends and neighbors to our faith community. As always, all are welcome!

Our Food & Faith gatherings will be on October 1 and February 1. On February 11 our speakers will be Sr. Patty Bruno, OP & Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP who will be leading our Parish Mission on February 12-14.

(Childcare will be available for younger children and babies.)

(All children & youth who are enrolled in Faith Formation are expected to participate with their families).



Children: Preschool—Grade 6

Christian Parenting/ Early Childhood Baptism (ages 0-4):

Preparation begins with a meeting of parents/child and Pastor or Deacon. It continues with two Christian Parenting classes led by one of our specially-trained couples. If you wish to have your baby/young child baptized and be strengthened in your vocation of Christian parenting, please call the

parish office to make an appointment.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

After the opening prayer at our 10:15 AM Sunday liturgy, children ages 3-10 are invited to go with our catechists to hear God's word proclaimed to them in a way that they can better understand. They rejoin us during the collection time. No fee or registration required.

For Children in Grades K-5

We have sessions for all children throughout the school year on Thursday afternoons from 3:45 – 5:00 PM starting on September 14 in Markey Community Center. Please register your child for religion classes before classes begin. Forms are available in the church

entrance or in the parish office. The registration fee helps us pay for texts, art supplies, and other program expenses. Home schooling materials and support are also available for those who would like them.

(If your child is enrolled in Catholic School they are not required to attend these sessions but are more than welcome to enroll).

Registration Day & Meet the Catechists: 8/27/17 @ 11:30 am

Sacraments: Baptism, Reconciliation & Eucharist

Baptism for School-Age Children: Please contact Deacon Patrick at pfconway@sbcglobal.net or 840-3750.

First Eucharist & First Reconciliation for Children

For children in Second Grade (or older) in any school – Catholic and other. **(Catholic schools do not prepare children for 1st Eucharist. This is a parish process).**

Children must have at least one previous year of religious education.

Preparation begins on September 17 with a Parent/Child meeting in the church (following the 10:15 AM Mass). First Eucharist Rite of Enrollment will be on Sunday, October 1 at the 10:15 AM mass. First Reconciliation will be Friday, January 26 at 7:00 PM. First Eucharist will be celebrated on Saturday, May 5 at 5:00 PM & Sun-

day, May 6 at 10:15 AM (your choice). There is a \$70 materials fee for 2 text books, a children's Bible, and a cross. For more information please contact Deacon Patrick at 840-3750 or pfconway@sbcglobal.net



Youth Ministry: Grades 6-12

Parents and youth are invited to an orientation meeting for High School Youth Ministry & Confirmation on Sunday, September 10 in Markey Community Center from 11:30 AM—12:30 PM or Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30 PM in the Youth Center.

Communication

Emails are sent out about upcoming events and reminders. **Be sure to**

indicate your email address on your registration form.

Contact Information:

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All Youth are Welcome! You do not need to be registered at Resurrection Church or even Catholic to participate. You are encouraged to invite your friends; however, please remember Faith Formation registration and permission slips must be

filled out for everyone who plans to participate.



Middle School & High School

Middle School Youth Ministry is open to ALL in grades 6-8. We meet Thursday evenings from 6:30—8:00 PM in the Youth Center. In addition to our regular meetings, we have special events and trips. Our first regular meeting will be on Thursday, September 21.

High School Youth Ministry is open to ALL in grades 9-12. We meet Sunday mornings from 11:30—1:30 PM in Markey Community Center & the Youth Center. In addition to our regular meetings, we have special events and trips, including youth retreats and leadership trainings.



The mission of Youth Ministry is to provide a safe place for youth to grow in their faith, their friendships, and their community.

Confirmation 1st & 2nd Year



Youth Confirmation is open to all High School Youth, beginning in 9th Grade. It is a two-year program.

1st Year includes weekly participation in the High School Youth Group, two retreats, participation in youth group special events, participation/volunteering in parish wide

events and fundraisers.

2nd Year is for youth who have completed year one. 2nd year includes weekly participation in High School Youth Group, two retreats, participation in youth group special events, participation/volunteering in parish wide events and fundraisers.

Those interested in enrolling in Confirmation are invited to attend an information meeting with a parent/guardian on Sunday, September 10 in Markey Community Center at 11:30 AM—12:30 PM & Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30 PM in the Youth Center.

For Adults

Small Group Faith Sharing

Please contact Deacon Patrick at 840-3750 or pfconway@sbcglobal.net.

Catholic Information Nights:

Are you a non-Catholic who would like to learn more about Catholicism? Do you know of someone who would? Come or invite them to come to our Catholic Information Nights on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM starting September 19 in the daily mass chapel. All are welcome! Contact Deacon Patrick at 840-3750 or pfconway@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Adult Education

We offer a variety of adult education opportunities, from our parish book & CD lending library to seasonal classes and meetings. Details will be published in the bulletin and announced at liturgy.

Parish Mission Retreat

February 12-14, 2018

Our annual parish "mission" prepares us to enter more deeply into the journey with Jesus through Lent and Easter. This year Dominican Fr. Jude Siciliano and Dominican Sister Patty Bruno will lead us through three days of walking with the Lord through prayer, scripture and reflection. Duplicate morning and evening sessions.

Young Adults: (ages 18-30)

We welcome all young adult to consider joining us on one or all of our gatherings that we have throughout the year. Over the past several years we have kayaked in Moss Landing, had dinner and played pool, and en-

joyed a night at the beach around a campfire. We had a lot of fun while getting to know new people and sharing our own faith journeys.

We gather together 3 to 4 times throughout the year.

Keep an eye out in the bulletin under Young Adult Ministry Activities for dates.

If you would like to be put on a list to be called when something is happening please give me a call.

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Bible Study

This lunch-time Bible Study is held late August to mid-June on Thursdays from 12:30 PM—1:30 PM. We meet in the daily mass chapel and discuss the Sunday scripture readings. For more information, contact Deacon Patrick Conway at pfconway@sbcglobal.net or 840-3750.

Women's Bible Study

In this new Bible study, *Signs of Glory: Grace and Truth Revealed*, together we will follow along with John, the beloved disciple, as he witnesses to seven signs pointing to the glory of God breaking forth in and through God's only son, Jesus Christ. John's gospel is unique in that its author had nearly 60 years to ponder all the things Jesus said and did during his ministry before writing down those events that reveal the true nature of Jesus — "No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who

has made him known." (John 1:18) Through Jesus the Glory of God is revealed to us. Jesus, divinity-embodied in human form, reveals his Father's love, compassion, mercy and truth. By knowing and believing that Jesus is the Christ we come face to face with God. This nine week study will meet Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 beginning September 28. All are welcome to join! Please contact Elizabeth Knapp to register at eknapp@ix.netcom.com or call (831) 475-3850. Materials fee: \$20.00.

Spiritual Direction

Want to grow closer to God? Want to discover God's guidance through the many choices of life? For centuries Christians have benefitted from this ministry of counsel and discernment. Meet with a specially-trained spiritual director for support and help. For more information, contact Deacon Patrick Conway at pfconway@sbcglobal.net or 840-3750.

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius

Saint Ignatius of Loyola developed these tried-and-true spiritual "exercises" (meditations and prayers) to help anyone who wishes to grow closer to God and to know God's will. The exercises can be done during a 30-day retreat at a retreat center or at home over the course of 30 weeks. Regular support of a spiritual director trained to give the exercises is included. For more information, contact Deacon Patrick Conway at pfconway@sbcglobal.net or 840-3750.

