



## FAMILY CENTERED CATECHESIS (FCC) REGISTRATION PACKET

Please submit the following **NO LATER THAN JUNE 14, 2018.**

1. **Registration Form (first page)**
2. **Signed Handbook Agreement (last page)**
3. **Baptismal certificate for all NEW students**  
(Any students entering St. James programs after 2<sup>nd</sup> grade must also provide documentation of prior religious instruction.)
4. **Registration fee - payable to St James Church \*\***
  - \$150 per child (Waived for catechists)
  - Additional \$40 Sacramental fee for grades 2 & 8.

Please mail/drop off by June 14, 2018

St. James School of Religion  
ATTN: Shannon Civetta - FCC  
200 South Finley Ave PO Box 310  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Feel free to contact the director with any questions or concerns.

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**\*\*NOTE THAT AFTER JUNE 14:**

- **\$50 late fee per family**
- **FCC space not guaranteed as space is limited.**

### VOLUNTEERS

**Our program cannot be successful without volunteers. PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING NEXT YEAR.  
There are many ways to share your gifts. We truly appreciate your time.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CATECHIST \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS AIDE \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

(WE NEED ADULTS PER CLASS)

HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR \_\_\_\_\_ (Helps organize helpers each month. Need 2 so can rotate.)

HOSPITALITY SET UP \_\_\_\_\_

(Helps set up/clean up snacks. We need 10+ so we can rotate who helps each month.)

**If volunteering, please return this page with your registration. Thank you!!!**



# THE CHURCH OF SAINT JAMES



## FAMILY CENTERED CATECHESIS PROGRAM School Year 2018-2019

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Registered w/ Parish Yes/No (Parish registration required.)

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last \*Maiden Religion

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last Religion

Guardian (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Telephone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Father's cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Family email (that is checked daily) \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME AND PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

### Grade and age as of September 2018

Child's Name	School	Grade	Age	N=New	R=Returning

Sacraments Received (Dates, Church Name and Address)

(Copies of Baptismal certificates required for New Students *even* if your child was baptized at St. James)

Child's Name	DOB	Place of Birth	Baptism	Reconciliation	Communion

IMPORTANT: Please advise us of any allergies, medical conditions, medications, disabilities or special needs so we can give your child/children the attention they need:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Office use only Date Pd.: \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_



## FAMILY CENTERED CATECHESIS PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT - 1

The Saint James Family Centered Catechesis Program (FCC) is committed to strengthening and growing the Catholic faith of our participants and to helping families remain faithful in an increasingly secular world. Ultimately, we call our families to believe in God's love, to live it, and to spread it to others. We encourage families to integrate faith in their daily lives by participating in the parish community.

FCC is offered to families registered at St. James parish with children in grades K-8. **Registration cannot be processed without a copy of a baptismal certificate (new students only) and, because FCC is a unique program, a signed FCC Participation Agreement.** (Baptismal certificates required even if from St. James please.)

**FEE:** \$150 per child by June 14, 2018, which includes adult learning sessions. There is an additional fee of \$40 per child for Sacramental preparation for grades 2 and 8. There is a \$50 late fee per family after June 14.

**FAMILY INVOLVEMENT:** Parents and guardians are the primary catechists of their children. As a family centered program, **attendance of at least one parent or guardian is mandatory.** We encourage all adult family and extended family (Godparents and sponsors, etc.) to participate in the adult learning sessions.

**TIME & DATES:** FCC meets at St. James School from 9:00 am - 11:45 am on the following Sundays of 2018-19:

**Sep 16, Oct 14, Nov 4, Dec 9, Jan 6, Feb 10, Mar 3, (Mar 10 snow date), Mar 31, May 5**

**PLEASE MARK THEM IN YOUR CALENDAR NOW.**

**MASS ATTENDANCE:** Sunday Mass is the source and summit of our Catholic faith, therefore family mass attendance is required as part of any religious formation program. FCC will finish in time to attend the parish noon Mass. If this is too long for young children to sustain attention, please consider the Saturday Vigil Mass.

**NEW**

**SEASONAL PARTICIPATION:** Because our goal is to incorporate faith into family life we will ask that each family participate in one **Advent project** (at parish or within the family) and attend either the **FCC or Parish Penance service** offered during Lent as a requirement of the program. (More info during the year.)

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:** Preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Eucharist are covered in the 1st and 2nd grades. The Sacrament of Confirmation is taught in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Children enrolled in FCC will join with the St. James CCD and/or St. James School to celebrate the Sacraments. Additional individual sacramental preparation will be required in grades 2, 7 & 8.

**ATTENDANCE:** *Because we only meet 9 times a year, each class is very important to the curriculum. We cover an entire unit each month; **THEREFORE - ONLY ONE ABSENCE IS PERMITTED.** When a child misses class, the unit covered should be reviewed at home and the unit test submitted the following session. Two or more absences, especially in Sacramental Preparation years (1-2 and 7-8) may result in a delay in the sacrament and/or a need to repeat the instructional year.*

**CHECK SPORTS & OTHER ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS NOW** – You will not be allowed to switch out of FCC mid year. Some outside activities conflict with Sunday mornings. We ask that you take your FCC commitment as seriously as you do other activities. Please teach your family to put faith first. It will last the longest.



## **FAMILY CENTERED CATECHESIS**

### **PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT - 2**

**CLASS TIME:** Students will attend grade level sessions in school classrooms while parents enjoy faith formation in the gym. The children later join their parents/guardians for fellowship and a family activity.

**FELLOWSHIP:** Simple refreshments are served before the family activity. We try to be sensitive to all diets but it is not possible to meet all needs. It's the parent/guardian's responsibility to oversee the safety of their child/children regarding food allergens. If more substantial food is required due to student activities following FCC, feel free to bring more from home for fellowship time. Contact the director to discuss any concerns.

**HOMEWORK:** Catechists may assign homework to enhance the unit/seasonal lesson with their families. Please assist in completing any homework and send it in to the next class.

**COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS/GUARDIANS:** All notices pertinent to the program are communicated through Monday's Message from the School of Religion, FCC Reminder Emails and the Parish Bulletin. Please contact the FCC Director and the School of Religion regarding any change in contact information.

**EMERGENCY CANCELLATION:** Notification of emergency cancellation will be done through a Honeywell Blast sent through the School of Religion office and through FCC Reminder Emails.

**PROHIBITED ARTICLES:** Please do not bring in items that do not pertain to the religious education program. Cell phones are allowed for emergency use only and text messaging is prohibited.

#### **STUDENT CODE OF BEHAVIOR:**

1. Students are expected to show Christ's love in words and actions.
2. Students should show respect to their Catechists and classmates.
3. Students show respect to the school building and classroom.
4. Students should participate fully in class activities and assignments.
5. Students should attend FCC on time and until the full session is dismissed.

**CATECHETICAL TEXTS:** Grades K - 7 *Call To Faith* (Harcourt) Grade 8 *Decision Point* (Dynamic Catholic)

**K** - God loves me & shows his love through others + I belong to the Church family guided by the Holy Spirit

**Grade 1**- God, the Father & creator + Jesus, Son of God & Our friend + The Holy Spirit, Giver of Life & Strength

**Grade 2** -The Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist + Jesus, Model of Christian Living

**Grade 3** - The traditions and beliefs of the Catholic Church + The Apostles Creed and Sacraments

**Grade 4** - The Beatitudes + Catholic Christian Moral Values

**Grade 5** - The Sacramental life of the Church + Liturgical year

**Grade 6** - God's plan of salvation as recorded in the Bible

**Grade 7** - A synthesis of Catholic beliefs + Trinity, Christian Community, Sacraments

**Grade 8** - A synthesis of Catholic beliefs + The Church in the Modern World – video and discussion based



## FAMILY CENTERED CATECHESIS

### Parent/Guardian Agreement

**Students'/Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please read the attached Participation Agreement and sign below indicating that you have

- Made note of all session dates,
- Understand all Mass and seasonal family faith expectations,
- Agree to the *one absence or less* attendance and make up work policy.

This form is required for registrations to be processed and classes assigned.

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I have read this Agreement and I pledge my active participation in St. James Family Centered Catechesis.

I acknowledge my responsibility as parent/guardian to keep my child/children safe from food allergens.

I understand that regular family attendance at Mass is a requirement of my faith and for participation in the FCC program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parents/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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