

SAINT JOHN NEUMANN FAITH ENRICHMENT 2009-2010	
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Blessings of the Easter Season! St. John Neumann parish values families and sees the need for a variety of faith enrichment experiences. These are identified in this registration brochure. We thank you for your attention to this important component of Catholic life.

REGISTRATION All St. John Neumann parishioners should register their children for faith enrichment on this form *regardless of whether your child's program will take place at St. John Neumann or at Sts. John & Paul*. A reduced fee is available if you return your registration forms by June 1st. We ask you to return your forms as soon as possible. Families will receive confirmation of their assigned day and time beginning in June. If your family is unable to pay the materials fee, please call the pastor at (412) 366 – 2020 Ext. 20. Faith enrichment does not depend upon ability to pay. A Baptism Certificate is requested at the time of registration for children who are enrolling for the first time and who have not been baptized at St. John Neumann Church.

WE NEED YOU Our faith enrichment ministries cannot exist without you. You do not need to have children/family enrolled in order to help. Sign up on the registration form. The time, skills and gifts you share strengthen our parish community.

FAITH ENRICHMENT is offered for all ages. Please read the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) Sheet for more information.

- **FIRST STEPS (Birth – Age 3)** begins with Baptism preparation for parents and is nourished through the Liturgy of the Word for Children. Read the Sunday bulletin for more opportunities.
- **SIGNS (Preschool and Elementary School)**
 - **CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (Age 3 – Grade 5)**
 - **WEEKLY FAITH FORMATION @ STS. JOHN & PAUL (Grades 1 – 5)**
 - **AT-HOME STUDY + FAMILY PROGRAM @ STS. JOHN & PAUL (Grades 1 – 5)**
- **PLANS (Middle School)**
 - **GOOD SHEPHERD (Grades 6 & 7)**
 - **SUMMER PROGRAM (Grades 6, 7, 8)**
 - **MAPS (Grades 6, 7, 8)**
- **PATHWAY (High School)**
 - **SUMMER PROGRAM (Grade 9)**
 - **YOUTH GROUP (Grade 9 [after completing Summer Program], 10, 11, 12)**
- **JOURNEYS (Adults)** Please consult the parish Sunday bulletin for adult faith enrichment opportunities throughout the year.

TEXTBOOKS We use textbooks for Grades 1 – 8. For *Good Shepherd* participants, books are distributed beginning in June for the child and parents to use at home throughout the year to supplement the child's work in the atrium. The Faith Formation programs at Sts. John & Paul also use textbooks. If you register for *Weekly Faith Formation at Sts. John & Paul*, your child will receive a textbook on the first day of class. If your family will be attending the *Family Program at Sts. John & Paul*, you can pick up textbooks and a program guide at SJN. We will distribute books to *Middle School* students on the first day of class.

IMPORTANT POLICIES

- **ABSENCES** The Diocese of Pittsburgh requires that parents notify us in advance when children will be absent.
- **ARRIVAL** Children should arrive on time. Those younger than third grade should be accompanied to the classroom door by an adult. The adult should not leave until the catechist has arrived.
- **EARLY DISMISSAL** A signed note from the parent is required for early dismissal. The parent should come to the classroom door and sign out the child at the designated time.
- **CANCELLATION**
 - When North Allegheny Schools have a 2-hour delay, any 9:30 am and 1:00 pm sessions will be cancelled.
 - If NA Schools close early or cancel for the day, all afternoon and evening Faith Enrichment for children will be cancelled.
 - If NA Schools have been in session for the day but the weather turns bad, listen for a cancellation announcement for "St. John Neumann – Franklin Park" during the North Allegheny school day or on KDKA or WPXI. Also, check our website.

SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN / FAMILIES

We welcome *all* children, including those with special needs, into our Faith Enrichment programs, since the Body of Christ is incomplete if anyone is missing. We will work with parents to make accommodations, if necessary, to create an environment where children can grow in the Catholic faith and receive the sacraments of the Church.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION Sacraments are an important part of faith enrichment. Parents are their children's first teachers. Participation in special sacrament meetings, and registration and attendance in our faith enrichment sessions are required for adequate sacramental preparation. St. John Neumann parishioners will participate in this preparation and receive the sacraments at SJN.

If you have any questions about sacraments, please call Barbara Stokes at Ext. 13. For questions about Good Shepherd, call Barbara Matera at Ext. 18. For questions about middle school or high school programs, call Grace Ghirardi at Ext. 16. Call Kate Bianco at (724) 935-2104 Ext. 23 for questions about programs offered at Sts. John & Paul Parish.

2009 – 2010 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

What faith enrichment opportunities are available at St. John Neumann?

We try to offer something for every age in our faith journey. Faith enrichment begins at conception, as parents prepare to welcome this new image of God into their family. **BAPTISM PREPARATION** helps parents to reflect on this awesome experience and to open their hearts to the life that God has entrusted to their care. The baptismal rite points out that the parents are the first and best teachers of the faith for their children.

Is there a faith enrichment program for preschool children?

At St. John Neumann, we offer once-weekly faith enrichment sessions for children who will be three by September 1st up to age six. Level I **CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**, based on Montessori principles of individual hands-on learning, helps children to develop a relationship with Jesus, the Good Shepherd, through liturgy, prayer, and parables. Because this program is designed to tap into the spirituality that is already strong in children this age, we recommend that you enroll your child at age three or four.

What is offered for our elementary school children?

1) **CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD** (at SJN) is a weekly program based on Montessori principles of individual hands-on learning. Level II (Grades 1-3) expands on Level I themes of geography, history, prophecies, ritual, and parables, which are then related to seeing God's presence all around us. Level III (Grades 4-6) explores themes of creation, exodus, redemption, and parousia as viewed through the actions of Old Testament people and events. These events prefigure the mystery of Christ that we see in the New Testament.

2) **WEEKLY FAITH FORMATION** classes (at Sts. John & Paul) incorporate textbook learning in a classroom setting with seasonal large group events.

3) **FAMILY PROGRAM** students work with parents on a textbook and complete on-line reviews, then attend monthly Sunday morning sessions (at Sts. John & Paul) with at least one parent.

When and where does my child prepare for First Reconciliation and First Communion?

At the conclusion of a Grade 1 Faith Enrichment program, SJN children and their parents meet to begin sacramental preparation with a prayer experience and workbooks (to complete at home). Family activity and practice sessions are scheduled prior to reception of the sacraments.

What are my choices for middle school (Grades 6, 7, 8)?

In preparation for Confirmation, we offer 3 options for middle school faith enrichment:

- 1) **MAPS** meets on Monday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at SJN. This catechesis focuses on the Sunday Scriptures while also using a textbook.
- 2) **SUMMER MIDDLE SCHOOL** is a week-long experience for Grades 6-8 utilizing a textbook curriculum. Part II of this program is a Middle School Gathering monthly (September – April) from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. on Sundays, where participants continue to strengthen their faith as a community of believers.
- 3) **GOOD SHEPHERD** Level III (Grade 6) and Extension (Grades 6 and 7) are a way for children to continue work on themes of scripture and liturgy begun in earlier levels.

What is the catechetical program for 9th grade?

Young people are confirmed at SJN in the fall of 9th grade. Immediate preparation includes the entire 8th grade year plus one of two weeks of Faith Enrichment offered in the summer before their 9th grade year. Following Confirmation, 9th graders will automatically be registered in the high school youth group, described below.

What is offered for high school?

High school teens in grades 9-12 come together for the 5:30 p.m. Youth Mass, followed by a **YOUTH GROUP** gathering from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. We meet September through April on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. Youth group is multi-dimensional, including education, service, prayer and community building.

2009 – 2010 PROGRAM OFFERINGS for AGE 3 – GRADE 5

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30 am – 11:00 am <i>Weekly from Sept – April</i>		(GS 4) Level I	(GS 8) Level I (GS 17) Level II (GS 26) Level III	(GS 10) Level I		(GS 12) Level I (GS 21) Level II
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm <i>Weekly from Sept – April</i>	(GS 1) Level I	(GS 5) Level I				
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm <i>Weekly from Sept – April</i>	(GS 2) Level I (GS 13) Level II (GS 22) Level III	(GS 6) Level I (GS 15) Level II (GS 24) Level III	(GS 9) Level I* (GS 18) Level II* (GS 27) Level III* *Level I, II & III, <i>for this session only</i> will be 2 hours long (4:30 – 6:30 p.m.)	(GS 11) Level I (GS 19) Level II (GS 28) Level III		
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm <i>Weekly from Sept – April</i>	(JP 1) Grades 1-5 Faith Formation @SSJP	(JP 2) Grades 1-5 Faith Formation @ SSJP	(JP 4) Grades 1-5 Faith Formation @ SSJP			
10:00 am – 12:00 Noon <i>Sunday</i> <i>Must attend at least 3 sessions per year* plus at-home study with textbook</i>	(GS 3) Level I (GS 14) Level II (GS 23) Level III	(GS 7) Level I (GS 16) Level II (GS 25) Level III	(JP 3) Grades 1-5 Faith Formation @ SSJP	(GS 20) Level II		
	(JP 6) Grades 1-5 Family Program @ Sts. John & Paul *sessions offered in October, November, January, February and March					

2009 – 2010 PROGRAM OFFERINGS for MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 am – 1:00 pm <i>June 15 – June 19</i>	(SJN 1) Grade 9 Summer Session @ SJN Day One	(SJN 1) Grade 9 Summer Session @ SJN Day Two	(SJN 1) Grade 9 Summer Session @ SJN Day Three	(SJN 1) Grade 9 Summer Session @ SJN Day Four	(SJN 1) Grade 9 Summer Session @ SJN Day Five
9:00 am – 1:00 pm <i>July 20 – July 24</i>	(SJN 2) Grade 9 Summer Session @ SJN Day One	(SJN 2) Grade 9 Summer Session @ SJN Day Two	(SJN 2) Grade 9 Summer Session @ SJN Day Three	(SJN 2) Grade 9 Summer Session @ SJN Day Four	(SJN 2) Grade 9 Summer Session @ SJN Day Five
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm <i>Weekly from Sept – April</i>	(GS 22) Level III Grade 6 (atrium includes ages 9-12)	(GS 24) Level III Grade 6 (atrium includes ages 9-12)	(GS 27) Level III Grade 6 (atrium includes ages 9-12)	(GS 28) Level III Grade 6 (atrium includes ages 9-12)	
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm <i>Weekly from Sept – April</i>	(GS 23) Level III Grade 6 (atrium includes ages 9-12)	(GS 25) Level III Grade 6 (atrium includes ages 9-12)		(SJN 6) Grades 6 & 7 Good Shepherd Extension	
9 am – 3:30 p.m. <i>July 20 – July 24</i>	(SJN 3) Grades 6, 7, 8 Summer Program+ @ St. John Neumann	+Part II of this program Middle School Gathering Monthly program on Sunday 4:00 – 5:30 pm September – April			
6:30 pm – 8:00 p.m. <i>2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, Sept. – April</i>	(SJN 5) Grades 9* - 12 Youth Group	*9 th graders in SJN 1 or 2 will be enrolled automatically in Youth Group for the Fall.			

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FAMILY REGISTRATION FORM

MATERIALS FEE FOR PARISH FAMILIES

IF YOU REGISTER BY JUNE 1ST: \$60 for 1 Child / \$110 for 2 Children/ \$150 for 3 or more children
AFTER JUNE 1ST: \$75 FOR 1 CHILD/ \$130 FOR 2 CHILDREN/ \$175 FOR 3 OR MORE CHILDREN

MATERIALS FEE FOR OUT-OF-PARISH FAMILIES

SAME FEES AS ABOVE PLUS \$50 Additional per Child (\$100 MAXIMUM extra per Family)
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "ST. JOHN NEUMANN CHURCH." THANK YOU.

FAMILY LAST NAME _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY/ZIPCODE _____ HOME TELEPHONE _____

MOTHER'S NAME _____ RELIGION _____ TELEPHONE _____
FIRST/MAIDEN WORK CELL

FATHER'S NAME _____ RELIGION _____ TELEPHONE _____
FIRST WORK CELL

(Please fill out information on reverse, if applicable, concerning step-parent, custodial parent, and non-custodial parent.)

Our generous volunteers help insure the success of our programs. Please check areas of interest and fill out information **on reverse**.

Good Shepherd Catechist
 Good Shepherd Aide
 Hall Monitor
 Middle/High School Catechist
 Middle/High School Catechist
 GS Substitute
 M/HS Substitute
 Liturgy of the Word for Children Catechist
 Liturgy of the Word for Children Musician
 Baker

ARE YOU REGISTERED PARISHIONERS AT ST. JOHN NEUMANN? YES ___ NO ___ IF NO, NAME OF PARISH _____

WERE YOUR CHILDREN ENROLLED IN FAITH ENRICHMENT SESSIONS AT SJN LAST YEAR ('08-'09)? YES ___ NO ___

EMERGENCY CONTACT #1: _____ TELEPHONE _____
FIRST NAME / LAST NAME RELATIONSHIP HOME WORK CELL

EMERGENCY CONTACT #2: _____ TELEPHONE _____
FIRST NAME / LAST NAME RELATIONSHIP HOME WORK CELL

CHILD/REN'S INFORMATION THERE MUST BE 2 CHOICES ENTERED FOR EACH CHILD: USE CODE FROM THE OPTIONS ON THE CENTERFOLD CHARTS.

Name of Child First/Middle/Last	Birthdate Mo/day/yr	Baptized		Sex M/F	School Attending In 2009-2010	Grade '09-'10	Session	Session
		Yes/ No	At SJN? Yes/ No				1 st CHOICE (Enter Code e.g., "GS 1")	2 nd CHOICE (Enter Code e.g., "GS 1")
1.								
2.								
3.								
4.								

SPECIAL NEEDS (e.g. Medical Conditions, Allergies, Educational or Behavioral Needs)

Our parish is committed to providing faith enrichment for all children. Our staff and catechists want to work with parents in a partnership. We thank you for any information you can offer since it will help us understand how best to serve your child.

CHILD _____ SPECIAL NEEDS _____

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Program manager will call for additional information, which will be held in confidence.

IF APPLICABLE:

STEP-PARENT'S NAME _____ RELIGION _____ TELEPHONE _____
FIRST / LAST HOME WORK CELL

CUSTODIAL PARENT'S NAME _____ RELIGION _____ TELEPHONE _____
FIRST / LAST HOME WORK CELL

PLEASE COMPLETE BELOW IF NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT WANTS TO RECEIVE SEPARATE MAILINGS/COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING CHILD(REN)'S FAITH ENRICHMENT:

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE _____
FIRST / LAST HOME WORK CELL

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

1. NAME _____ ADULT (18 & over) YOUTH (GRADE 6-8) TEEN (GRADE 9-12)

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

would like to help with _____

Please check off all that apply *only if you are 18 or over.*

- I HAVE MY CHILD ABUSE CLEARANCE
- I HAVE MY PENNSYLVANIA CRIMINAL CLEARANCE
- I HAVE READ AND SIGNED THE DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH'S CODE OF PASTORAL CONDUCT
- I HAVE SUBMITTED ALL INFORMATION FOR THE ON-LINE DIOCESAN DATABASE
- I HAVE ATTENDED "PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN"

2. NAME _____ ADULT (18 & over) YOUTH (GRADE 6-8) TEEN (GRADE 9-12)

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

would like to help with _____

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ADULT & TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUMMER 2009

Adult and High School teen volunteers are needed for our Summer Faith Enrichment (Grades 6 – 9).
Please check below the days and areas where you would be willing to serve.

Week of June 15 – 19 Week of July 20 – 24

I CAN HELP WITH: PREFERRED GRADE _____

- FACILITATING A GROUP MONDAY _____ TUESDAY _____ WEDNESDAY _____ THURSDAY _____ FRIDAY _____
- FOOD & SNACKS MONDAY _____ TUESDAY _____ WEDNESDAY _____ THURSDAY _____ FRIDAY _____
- ACTIVITIES MONDAY _____ TUESDAY _____ WEDNESDAY _____ THURSDAY _____ FRIDAY _____
- HALL MONITOR MONDAY _____ TUESDAY _____ WEDNESDAY _____ THURSDAY _____ FRIDAY _____
- CHAPERONE TO DRIVE MONDAY _____ TUESDAY _____ WEDNESDAY _____ THURSDAY _____ FRIDAY _____

Thanks for all you do to share your faith with our young people! They are blessed by your participation.