

**ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION**

No young person is ever allowed to wait unattended for a parent to pick them up. If it is necessary to leave class early, please let us know by sending in a note and come to the front door to pick your child up. The safety of our youth is a responsibility we take seriously. Therefore, the interior Parish Center doors will be locked at 7:15 PM. If you need to get in the building, please ring the door bell in the lobby and our gate keeper will assist you.

Please notify us if you have a change of address or telephone number so we will be able to reach you in case of an emergency.

CANCELLATIONS

Whenever Cohoes Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, we cancel Monday night classes. If you have a question about whether or not there is a session, please call 237-2373 or check the Holy Trinity website www.holytrinitycohoes.org

PARENTS & CATECHISTS

*"..the family is the essential and first place where catechesis occurs, **complemented** by the school, or religious education program...parents, catechists, and school teachers should collaborate to use every suitable moment to lead the child to Christ." (The GDC in plain English)*

As catechists and parents, we are laying a faith foundation. We introduce our children to the Catholic faith and link them to a worshipping community that lives the message of Jesus in our world. Please let us know if there are any ways, in which we can further assist you.

CALENDAR

Faith Formation sessions are held at the Holy Trinity Parish Center on Monday evenings from 7 PM—8:15 PM.

September 12	Class	
September 19	Class	
September 26	Class	
October 3	Class	
October 10	Columbus Day	No class
October 17	Class	
October 24	Class	
October 31	Halloween	No class
November 7	Class	
November 14	Class	
November 21	Class	
November 28	Class	
December 5	Class	
December 12	Class	
December 19	Class	
December 26	Christmas	No class 
January 2	New Year's	No class
January 9	Class	
January 16	MLK Day	No class
January 23	Class 7th & 8th grade ONLY	
(Regents Week for High School)		
January 30	Class	
February 6	Class	
February 13	Class	
February 20	Winter Break	No class 
March 5	Class	
March 12	Class	
March 17	Class	
March 26	Class	
April 2	Class	
April 9	Easter	No class 
April 16	Class	
April 23	Class	
April 30	Last class	

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**HOLY TRINITY &
ST. MICHAEL'S
FAITH FORMATION
PROGRAM
2011-2012**


GRADES 7-10



Reverend James A. Ebert
Pastor, Holy Trinity Parish

Reverend Peter Tkocz
Pastor, St. Michael's Parish

Mrs. Kathleen Curtin
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 Like Holy Trinity Parish of Cohoes to keep up to date with changes and cancellations.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To register a student please fill out the registration form and submit it with the fee to either the parish office or drop it in the collection basket.

F E E S

Grades K—8

The fee is \$40.00 for one child; \$60.00 for two children; and \$75.00 for three or more children.*

Grades 9-10

The fee is \$60.00 per teen.*

*No one is ever denied entrance into the program if the fee is a problem. Simply speak to Father Ebert, Father Tokocz, or Kathleen Curtin.

S E R V I C E O P P O R T U N I T I E S

As part of their formation, youth in our Faith Formation program are encouraged to participate in service opportunities to help their neighbors and people in their community, near and far, who are in need, as Jesus asked us to do. Actually carrying out a physical service activity helps youth to better grasp the concept of loving our neighbor, and it offers students the opportunity to learn more about themselves and the needs of others.

A variety of activities will be offered through Youth Ministry, Faith Formation, and other parish activities.

P O L I C I E S

All students registered in the program are expected to attend sessions regularly, to worship weekly, and to participate in ongoing service. At all times they should show respect to their catechist, classmates and their surroundings, and be respectful and attentive during all times of prayer, worship, or quiet reflection. If difficulties arise in any of these areas they will be attended to privately on an individual basis with the Coordinator of Youth Ministry, the parents, the catechist and the pastor.

Whenever your child is unable to attend the faith formation session, please email htpyouthminister@gmail.com or call 237-2373 and leave a message.



A W O R D A B O U T W O R S H I P

There is simply no substitute for regular (weekly) active participation in the Mass. The documents of the Second Vatican Council refer to our celebration of Eucharist as “the source and summit” of all that we do. The Mass calls us to be disciples of Jesus Christ, nourishes us for that task and then sends us forth to practice our faith in the coming week. We are never too young or too old to worship.

C U R R I C U L U M M A T E R I A L S

For Grades 7 – 8

We will be using “Pflaum Gospel Weeklies”. Pflaum Gospel Weeklies” is a Lectionary-based approach to catechesis—that is, a program that is based on the readings which are read each Sunday at liturgy. The program encourages family discussions and involvement, and leads to a better understanding of the liturgical year, the Bible, and what it means to be community. The approach incorporates a variety of age-appropriate techniques including prayer, music, discussion, games and stories.

For Grades 9 – 10

We will be using “The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth”. This text provides an overview of the important teachings of the Catholic Church. CFH is like the Catechism of the Catholic Church” for teens. It uses language and examples that are easier for the youth to understand. CFH is divided into Four Parts. Grade 9 will cover Part I; The Creed And Part II; Liturgy & Sacraments. Grade 10 will cover Part III Christian Morality and part IV: Prayer Grade 10 will also use “Countdown to Confirmation.” This text teaches about the Rite itself. The liturgical rite becomes the focal point for helping the youth understand what it means to be a confirmed member of the Catholic Church.