

2024-2025

**Faith Formation Program for the Parishes of:
St. Basil the Great and Mary, Mother of the Church
General Information Newsletter and Registration Information**

Dear Parents/Guardians ,

Welcome to a new Faith Formation program year for the Parishes of St. Basil the Great and Mary, Mother of the Church! The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "Parents are the principal and first educators of their children." (CCC 1653) We are blessed that you have chosen to allow us to assist you in this endeavor with your child's faith and spiritual development.

Monsignor Ginty has previously announced the merger of the Faith Formation programs for both parishes. This merger affords us an exciting opportunity to develop and build upon the quality program you have come to expect and appreciate. As such, I would like to make you aware of some new and important changes.

First, classes will continue to meet twice per month on Sunday mornings. However, with the addition of the newly renovated Religious Center at St. Leo's Church campus, we now have two locations of our own (Fr. Shea Hall at St. Basil and the Religious Center at St. Leo's) in which to meet.

There will be two class sessions offered at each location on Sunday mornings when classes are scheduled, which revolve around the various Mass times at both parishes, so that your child can attend classes and still conveniently allow you the opportunity to worship together as a family.

The class sessions at St. Basil will continue as in the past, with the first session scheduled from 8:30-9:20 AM, followed by attendance at the 9:30 Mass, while the second session will begin with attendance at the 9:30 Mass followed by classes from 10:30-11:20 AM.

The class sessions at St. Leo's will be as follows: Attendance at the 8:00 AM Mass, followed by classes from 9:00-9:50 AM. The second session will begin with class from 10:00- 10:50 AM, followed by attendance at the 11:00 AM Mass.

Please Note: The specific class times and locations for your child's class is located on each of the parish's individual websites under the respective Faith Formation tabs. You will also find there the registration form, the calendar of dates for when classes will meet each month, and other pertinent information.

As with any transition, I am sure that we will experience a learning curve which we will use to further strengthen and develop the program for future years. As such, I am asking for your patience in this matter and that you please keep an open mind and heart to these changes, but most of all please pray for the success of our endeavor.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, at: faithformation@st-basilparish.org

Yours in Christ,

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