

# Saint Bernadette Church

**Faith Formation Office  
5930 South Abbott Rd.  
Orchard Park, NY 14127-4597**



July 8, 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our 2024-2025 Faith Formation Year. We are looking forward to a dynamic year as we grow together on our journey of faith.

As you may know from the news media, Saint Bernadette Parish is recommended to close, be sold and merge with Saints Peter and Paul Parish. Our parish has responded with a counterproposal in an attempt to save our parish. The proposal was placed before our Parish Family and approved by Father James Ciupek, our Pastor. It will then be examined by the Road to Renewal Team and a final decision will be made.

We will offer the same formats as last year and programs are described on the enclosed program options. The God's Family Program for children with disabilities and their families is returning to our parish.

For children new to our program, we will need a copy of their baptismal certificate.

Please update and complete the enclosed registration forms. We will post the calendar in August to our website.

We welcome you to stop by the Faith Formation Office (door #3) to drop off your registration. We are in the office from 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Packets may be dropped off to the Parish Office daily and on Saturdays from 9am to 1pm.

May you and your family enjoy God's wonderful gifts of our summer season attending reunions with family and friends, the warmth of the sun and relaxation to re-energize your body and spirit.

Sincerely,

Sharon Urbaniak,  
Faith Formation Director

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5930 South Abbott Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127

**Grades K-9 and Confirmation Program Registration**

Family's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ E- mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ NY State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code. \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother/Maternal Guardian Information** Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ NY St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Registered at (Parish) \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Marital Status: \_\_\_ Married \_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_ Widow/Widower \_\_\_ Single \_\_\_ Separated \_\_\_

**Father/Paternal Guardian Information** Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ NY St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
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Are there any family circumstances such as new births, deaths, illness, family changes, relocations, etc, which may have an impact on your child/children this year and which we need to be aware of?

This information will help us to more effectively respond to your child's needs.

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Please turn form over for **NEW** student information.

Family Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

NEW Student \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ as of September

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized at Parish \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Copy of baptismal certificate is required for Office of Faith Formation files.**

First Reconciliation at Parish \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
First Eucharist at Parish \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Presently attending which public school \_\_\_\_\_

Parish where student last attended religious education classes: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Please identify any special need your child has. (i.e. food allergy, hearing or visual impairments, ADHD etc.)  
If applicable, please submit a copy of your child's IEP.

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## 2024-2025 Saint Bernadette Parish Faith Formation Program Options for Children in Kindergarten through Sixth Grade

**Weekly Traditional Faith Formation sessions** are held from September through April on Mondays for children in first through sixth grade from 3:45 to 5pm.

**Family Faith Formation** is offered for children in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This is an opportunity to teach your child or children utilizing the textbook and online resources. You and your child or children are expected to attend four family sessions.

**Sacrament Catch Up** is offered for children (in grades 3 and above) who need to make their First Reconciliation or First Eucharist. These will be held on Monday afternoons from 3:45 to 5pm.

**The Sacrament of First Reconciliation** is celebrated for children in second grade. This will include an informational session after Mass.

**The Sacrament of First Eucharist** is celebrated for children in third grade. This will include a teaching Mass.

**Junior High (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade) and Senior High (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade)** sessions will meet on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30pm

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** is celebrated for youth in 10<sup>th</sup> grade. This will include a retreat.

**God's Family** is offered for **children of all ages with special needs**. One parent must attend with the child, but all family members are welcome. This group meets on the second Saturday of the month at 9:30am until 11am. We share a light breakfast, learn about our Catholic faith through interactive lessons and conclude with a commissioning prayer service.

**Please indicate on the registration form what option each child will be attending.**

### Fees

Kindergarten, 1 <sup>st</sup> Gr.	\$70 per child
Grades 2, 3	\$130 per child includes sacrament preparation
Grades 4,5,6	\$70 per child
Grades 7, 8-Edge	\$70 per child
Grade 9	\$70 per child
Grade 10-Confirmation	\$150 per child includes retreat fee
God's Family	\$70 per child

**Make checks payable to: Saint Bernadette**

**PERMISSION TO USE YOUR CHILD'S PHOTOGRAPH**

Saint Bernadette Parish would like to record parish events by taking photographs. These would be for religious education, liturgical celebrations, celebrations of the sacraments and parish social activities. The parish may like to post photographs on the parish website, in PowerPoint presentations, in the bulletin, or in the newspaper along with a story for publication. Our purpose would be to promote the parish and the programs it offers. All photographs will be evaluated before they are used. For security and safety, we will not identify a minor by name. If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding the use of photographic material, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 648-1720.

**Please choose one option and sign below.**

I give Saint Bernadette Parish permission to photograph and submit pictures of my family as described above.

I DO NOT give Saint Bernadette Parish permission to photograph and submit pictures of my family as described above.

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**2024-2025 SAFE ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS LESSON**

Under the directives of the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, the Diocese of Buffalo and Saint Bernadette Parish work to fully comply with mandates by providing an awareness presentation on safe environment, internet safety, and sexual abuse awareness. Most children are familiar with this material in their schools as Safe Environment Education is mandated by the State of New York. The presentation of this material will be done during our faith formation session. Lessons are professional and age-appropriate.

As parent/guardian, you may request to excuse your child/children from this particular lesson.

**Please indicate your preferred option below:**

I understand that my child/children **will participate** in a **Safe Environment Awareness Lesson** which will take place in a regularly scheduled faith formation class time this year.

I request that my child/children **be excused** from the **Safe Environment Awareness Lesson**. I also understand that it is my right and responsibility as a parent under the guidelines of the Catholic Church to do any such instruction myself.

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**If you wish to receive text messages on your phone in case of emergencies, please provide the following information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone company \_\_\_\_\_

(Verizon, Sprint, T Mobil)

I agree to allow Saint Bernadette to contact me by text message on my cell phone (above)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2024-2025 Emergency Information

In case of emergency, it may be necessary to contact parents/guardians during a religious education session. To make this possible, please provide the following information:

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child/Children's Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Paternal Guardian Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Maternal Guardian Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**If parent/guardian cannot be reached, the religious education personnel are authorized in the name of the parent, to obtain emergency ambulance service if necessary.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**If we are unable to contact parents/guardians in emergency situations, it is important that we have other references (such as the family physician, local friends, or relatives) that you authorize us to contact.**

Local Friend or Relative's Name, Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Physician's Name, Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Are there any conditions that limit your child's activity or abilities?  
List what medications your child takes daily. Is your child allergic to any medication?  
Is your child allergic to peanuts or any other food? Any other allergies?  
Specify which child these remarks are for.**

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

### CUSTODIAL ISSUES

Are there custodial parent circumstances?  No  Yes

Please identify \_\_\_\_\_

Who has primary custody?  Father  Mother  Other, please identify below  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT/ADULT COMMITMENT

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*There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as He wishes. 1 Corinthians 12:4-11*

We invite you to share your gifts, talents, energy, and time each year.

We ask **one parent/adult** from each family to commit by helping in one or more of the following areas.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### Sessions

**Kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> grade on Monday at 3:45-5:00 pm**

**God's Family program for children with disabilities and their families, the second Saturday of the Month from 9:30 – 11 am.**

**Please check which area you will commit to:**

### CATECHIST

Catechists plan for usually one hour and teach weekly lessons. Catechist's guide, schedule, training and support are provided.

Grade preference

\_\_\_\_\_ Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> Monday at 3:45-5:00 pm

\_\_\_\_\_ God's Family program for children with disabilities and their families – The second Saturday of the month from 9:30 -11 am.

### ASSISTANTS

Adults or teenagers who assist catechists on a weekly basis by gathering supplies, assisting with environment and children, taking attendance, helping with craft projects, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ Monday at 3:45-5:00 pm

### SUBSTITUTES

Available on call as needed for absentee catechists or assistants

Please include your phone number. Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Monday at 3:45-5:00 pm

### SPECIAL TALENTS

\_\_\_\_\_ Baker for special parish functions

***Anyone volunteering to work with children must attend a Protecting God's Children training.***

**Please indicate your status**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have attended training and am current with bulletins \_\_\_\_\_ I need to attend training.

If you have any questions, contact Linda Jeswald at 648-1720 ext. 4 or [lindaj@saintbopny.org](mailto:lindaj@saintbopny.org)

**Thank you for helping us by sharing your time and talents with us.**