

Blessed Sacrament Parish
FAITH DEVELOPMENT
2009-2010

Registration for Faith Development Classes and Programs will begin on the weekend of May 30/31, 2009. Information about all programs as well as Registration Forms for classes will be available in the Koury Center after all Masses as well as on our website. The new catechetical year begins on **Sunday, September 13, 2009.**

- **Kindergarten through Fifth Grade** classes
- **Junior Youth Ministry** (Middle School Program)
- **Parish/Home School Development,**
- **Sacramental Preparation:**
 - **First Reconciliation**
 - **First Eucharist**
 - **Adapted RCIA for unbaptized children** of school age.
 - **Pre-Confirmation** (remote preparation course)
 - **Confirmation** (immediate preparation starting February 3, 2010 for those 8/9th graders who will be at least 14 years old by May, 2010 and have been attending Faith Development, TYM, Catholic School or pre-Confirmation preparation in 2009).
 - **Baptism preparation classes**
 - **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) sessions**
 - **Adult Sacramental Preparation** classes

- **Vacation Bible School**
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word** -children's registration not required
- **Children's (Ministry at Sunday) Mass**-children's registration not required

- **Adult Faith Formation:**
 - Bible Studies
 - Discipleship Retreats (TBA)
 - Diocesan and Parish Continuing Faith Formation opportunities including E-resources (online seminars and courses)

You must register every year in order to update your registration file and you are encouraged to register **EARLY**. Registration **Deadline will be August 9, 2009.**

Registrations with fees may be mailed in to: Blessed Sacrament Church
Faith Development Office, ATTN: Pat Matterson,
P.O. Box 619
Burlington, NC 27216

Late Registrations received after August 10th must include an additional \$20.00 late fee. Any registrations received after **August 24th will not be accepted.**

FEES DUE AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION:

Fees are due at the time of registration. If you need financial assistance, please attach a note to your **EARLY** REGISTRATION form explaining your need and Pat Matterson will contact you. We want all children to be able to participate regardless of ability to pay.

Forms will be available at the Church Office, in the vestibule of the Church, and on-line at www.blessedsacramentnc.org. Click on the **Faith Development** link.

Kindergarten-5th Grade Faith Development Classes will be offered on **Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and on Sundays at 10:45 a.m.** on the second floor of the Koury Center. (Kindergarteners will meet in on the first floor.) **Parent orientation packets** will be given out to registered families on Saturday & Sunday, **August 29/30, 2009** in the Church after all the Masses and at **2:30-3:30 p.m. in the Church** after the Spanish Mass.

Junior Youth Ministry, JYM (Middle School Program for grades 6-8) will be offered on **Sunday from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** upstairs in the Koury Center. JYM sessions start and end half an hour ahead of the High School **TYM** program. Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers will not attend classes together but may attend the **Youth Mass** celebrated at 6:30 p.m. once a month. Youth Mass schedule will be announced in orientation packets provided to registered families on August 29/30. The first hour of JYM sessions will consist of Faith Development while the second hour (7-8 p.m.) will be used for social justice activities (special crafts, games, group planning meetings, etc.). Special events such as retreat/Lock-ins, family get-togethers and service projects will be announced in the Sunday bulletin, on the Call to Discipleship website calendar, by flyers sent home or by telephone.

Harcourt's *Call to Discipleship* E-program proved to be valuable resource for our JYMers, their catechists, as well as for our Confirmation candidates. Log on to www.calltodiscipleship.com to find out more about it! All students will be provided a login user ID and they can add their own password to access the Call to Discipleship Program. Contact Pat Matterson at patricia@blessedsacramentnc.org for more information.

Total Youth Ministry, TYM (High School grades 9-12) is held on Sunday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Joan Daniel for details: joandaniel@triad.twcbc.com. Those students who attend **TYM** and are also planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation will need to fill out a separate Sacramental Preparation registration form and attach a baptismal certificate if NOT baptized here at Blessed Sacrament Church.

First Reconciliation/ First Eucharist preparation is a two-year process beginning in the First Grade. Your child is eligible to celebrate these sacraments in their **second year** of Faith Development. In addition to their classes, all 2nd graders and their parents are required to attend **two workshops** (in preparation for each sacrament). Parents of all children preparing for First Sacraments - Catholic School, Home Schooled or Parish Faith Development- are required by the Diocese to attend **two parent sacramental preparation** meetings. (TBA) A brochure will be provided. All candidates must present a registration form accompanied by a copy of the candidate's baptism certificate if NOT baptized here at Blessed Sacrament Church.

RCIA adapted for Children is for **unbaptized children** 7 years old and over or for those children that are baptized but have not yet celebrated First Reconciliation or First Communion and are in **grades 3-6**. Sacramental preparation classes in English for children who fall into this category will take place on **Sunday from 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon** in **Room 2-3**, 2nd floor of the Koury Center. There will be a second session (bilingual) on Monday evenings from **6:15-7:30 p.m.** upstairs in the Koury Center for **grades 3-8**. Please contact Pat Matterson for more information.

Parish Home Faith Development (Grades K-12) is an option if you opt to teach your children at home. Parent Orientation will be Wednesday, **September 1, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Church**. Your child's progress should be assessed **twice** during the year and you will also be asked to attend the **Parent/Child Retreats** and **Parent preparation meetings** if your child is preparing to celebrate First Reconciliation at the end of this year and First Eucharist in the Spring of 2010. Please use the **Parish/Home Faith Development registration form**. **If needed, textbooks can be purchased through the Faith Development Office. Sacramental preparation fees still apply.**

Confirmation preparation will begin on **Wednesday, September 15th** upstairs in the Koury Center from 6:15-7:30 p.m. Confirmation Candidates must **have been** enrolled in some kind of pre-confirmation Faith Development class- must have attended 8th grade Faith Formation, or 8th grade Catholic School, or have attended TYM during the previous year.

Or attend the special pre-confirmation classes starting on September 10th. Immediate preparation classes begin on **February 3, 2010** upstairs in the Koury Center from 6:15-7:30 p.m. and include, among other activities, an **all-day retreat on March 6, 2010**, a service project and a Prayer Service. An orientation packet will be made available to the candidates, their sponsors and their families in English at the January 6, 2010 meeting for parents, candidates & sponsors in the Church or in Spanish on Saturday, January 9, 2010 after the 7 p.m. Mass in the Church.

Baptism Preparation classes are required for parents and godparents preparing to baptize a child. Baptisms take place every 4th Saturday in English at 9:00 a.m. and in Spanish at 10:00 a.m. Baptism classes are available in both English and Spanish. Registration for the classes in English, held on the 1st Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m., may be made through Mrs. Jeannie Pearl at the Parish Office (336) 226-8796 or by emailing jeannie@blessedsacramentnc.org. Spanish baptism classes take place in the Church every 1st Sunday after the 1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass. Spanish speaking parishioners may contact Pat Matterson at (336) 570-0013 or by email at patricia@blessedsacramentnc.org or Irma Olmos at (336) 226-8796 or by email at irma@blessedsacramentnc.org for more information.

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place weekly during the 9:30 a.m. and the 11 a.m. Sunday Masses and in Spanish during the 1 p.m. Mass. Children are called out, blessed and leave to hear the Sunday readings in a wonderful, age appropriate manner. Sessions last for about 20 minutes and will take place on the first floor of the Koury Center in Room 1-5 (St. Clare Room). More volunteers are always welcome for this Ministry. Please contact Jeanmarie Koonts at jpkoots@triad.rr.com or Kiki Folger at sfolger2@triad.rr.com further information or Pat Matterson patricia@blessedsacramentnc.org for Spanish

A Children's Mass takes place on the 4th Sunday of every month **during the regular 11:00 a.m.** Liturgy. Children serve as Ministers of Hospitality, Lectors, Gift Bearers and Music Ministers (Children's Choir) at this Mass. Please contact Jeanmarie Koonts at jpkoots@triad.rr.com or Meredith Gornto at mgornto@triad.rr.com (music).

Vacation Bible School this year is a fun-filled *Crocodile Dock VBS 2009* and will take place in the Koury Center during the week of **June 22-26** from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for pre-Schoolers to rising fifth graders. **Enrollment is limited** to 100 participants. Registrations for the children AND for volunteers have already started on line at <http://www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/BSVBS2009> or contact Irene Vick at vbs@blessedsacramentnc.org. Cost is \$35.00 for 1 child, \$65.00 for 2, \$90.00 for 3 or more of the same family. Copies of registration forms in English and Spanish are available in the vestibule of the Church, at the Church office or at Blessed Sacrament School.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the restored rite of the catechumenate for those adults seeking to become Catholics by celebrating the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Their call to conversion and discipleship is in response to hearing the Good News of the Gospel. Please direct inquiries to Chris Palmer at chris@blessedsacramentnc.org. RCIA sessions of "breaking open the Word" take place on Sundays after the 9:30 a.m. Mass in the **Library** on the first floor of the Koury Center. Already baptized Catholics wishing to be in full communion with the Church by celebrating missed sacraments should register for **Adult Sacramental Preparation classes**. Contact Pat Matterson at patricia@blessedsacramentnc.org to register.

Adult Sacramental Preparation classes are for adults **18 years of age and older** who have not yet celebrated their Confirmation or First Communion. Classes in English take place on **Wednesday evenings** at 7:30 p.m. upstairs in the Koury Center. Classes in Spanish take place on Sundays at 11 a.m. in the Church conference room. The cost of \$25.00 for the *U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults* text is due at time of registration. Also, a copy of your **Baptism certificate** should accompany your application if you were NOT baptized here at Blessed Sacrament Church. Contact Pat Matterson at patricia@blessedsacramentnc.org for more information. Candidates must attend at least 10 classes of preparation.

Adult Faith Formation is of the utmost importance and is the central core of all other evangelization and catechesis in our parish- all other forms of catechesis depend on it! A variety of opportunities are available to nurture your spiritual development and to involve you in the life of the Church. Your baptismal call is that of a lifelong process - to serve as a disciple of Jesus and to fulfill His mission by bringing the Good News of God's Love to the world. Your own spiritual maturity is essential and can only be brought about by your own personal commitment to prayer and study.

Bible Study/ Faith Sharing in small groups sessions are on going and available for interested adults. The Loyola Press "Six Weeks with the Bible" books are a recommended resource for study. However, other Church approved publications can be used. Please watch the Sunday bulletin for upcoming announcements or contact Pat Matterson for more information about where and when groups may be meeting at patricia@blessedsacramentnc.org. Cost is just \$10.00 to cover the cost of the study guide.

Parish Mission: NEW BEGINNINGS was very successful! It was exciting to see so much enthusiasm and interest within our parish family. Based on feedback from the program, some **adult spiritual formation** opportunities and **retreats** will be developed for the coming year to help us continue to become the **radical disciples** that Christ calls us to be.

Diocesan Workshops and Seminars are always available as well as online courses for CEUs for your spiritual benefit and ongoing formation. Check the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofraleigh.org for announcements of upcoming events or ask your DRE, Pat Matterson for more information. The cost varies.

Catechist Formation will begin during the summer for new and experienced catechists right here at Blessed Sacrament. The **Echoes of Faith, Into the Fields** and **Growing Faith Project** have been used in the past as comprehensive, Scripture, Liturgy and Catechism-based catechetical formation tools. This year, other resources recommended by the Diocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis will also be implemented to get our catechists ready for teaching and certification. However, any interested adults of the parish are invited. All catechists should fill out a **Catechist/Volunteer registration form** and be sure to attend a **Safe Environment Training Workshop**.

Safe Environment Training Workshops are offered throughout the year to fulfill Diocesan and Parish requirements for Adults working with our youth. All catechists, chaperones and volunteers working with children **must have attended a safe environment workshop** and have had a **background check** completed and on file in the parish office before activities begin. Up coming workshops are announced regularly in the Sunday bulletin. Please contact **Paula Zanker** at the Church office (336) 226-8796 or paula@blessedsacramentnc.org for more information.

REGISTRATION FEES

Kindergarten – 8th grade Faith Development Classes:

Early Registration = \$70.00 per student, \$210.00 maximum per family for Faith Development program. This registration fee does **NOT** include Sacramental Preparation. See the registration form for more details.

After August 9th Deadline= \$90.00 per student!!!

Sacramental Preparation Fees =Additional \$25.00 per First Reconciliation/First Eucharist candidate. Additional \$75.00 per Confirmation candidate (this includes Confirmation Retreat Fee- see Registration form)

****Important Note:** Please attach a copy of your child's baptism certificate to your registration if he/she was **NOT** baptized here at Blessed Sacrament. **

Catechists/volunteer workers whose children are attending Faith Development classes are exempt from paying the regular Faith Development fees. **Sacramental Prep fees or retreat fees**, however, **cannot** be exempted. Please see Catechist/volunteer registration forms.

Registration Deadlines:

- All **Faith Development classes and Parish/Home School Registrations** are due no later than **August 9, 2009**
- Late Registrations received **after August 9th** will be charged a **\$20.00 late fee.**
- Any registrations received **after August 24th** will not be accepted and returned to you.

Please write checks to: Blessed Sacrament Church and attach to your registration form/s

All programs begin on **September 13, 2009** (Sunday after Labor Day).

Contact: Pat Matterson, Director of Religious Education
Faith Development Office (336) 570-0013
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Adult Education fees vary depending on the course. Please see registration forms.