



# St. Patrick Parish

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## Religious Education Program

**“Dare to step out of your routine  
and you may experience a new awareness of what’s true every day,  
all day; You are being held in the palm of God’s hand.”**

*Dear PREP Families,*

*As members of the Body of Christ and sharing in the growth of your children’s love for God it is time once again commit anew to living and sharing faith with our wider community. Your family holds a significant place here at the parish and your participation in Sunday Mass and in other aspects of parish life helps to build a deeper sense of parish community. To help continue in this spirit, we have previewed the events and activities for the year to come and ask that our PREP families to continue in their involvement in the life of our parish. This year we ask the PREP families to commit once again, to the three areas of parish life - spiritual, family and adult faith formation. We ask each PREP family to select from the variety of choices we have provided with the hopes that they and their children would find their efforts fruitful, enjoyable and spiritually rewarding.*

*Listed you will find details for each of the areas mentioned. Be sure to read the bulletin and Flocknotes for other events that scheduled during the year.*

*“PREP Family Commitment” forms will be done using Sign-up Genius and posted on Flocknotes. You will receive an e-mail reminder before each gathering. Please remember that regular attendance at Sunday mass is imperative for all families. Attendance at Mass and religious education go hand in hand.*

*Anyone receiving sacraments are required to attend all retreats/presentations and follow-up classes.*

## ST. PATRICK PREP FAMILY COMMITMENT FORM

1. Faithfully attend Mass each week, attend Stations of the Cross at least once during Lent, Pray as a family before meals and at the end of the day.
2. Family Involvement:
  - a. **Spiritual Gatherings Families are asked to attend two gatherings.** Be sure to read the bulletin and Flocknotes for additional gatherings.
    - 1) Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament – every Monday 8:30 to 7:00 PM
    - 2) Class Rosary via zoom at 7:00 pm  
Each class has been assigned a date to lead the but feel free to join on any Sunday via zoom. The link can be found on the parish website. Class dates will be posted in Flocknotes and an email will be sent to families.
    - 3) Children’s Living Rosary - October 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> in church yard near the office during PREP class
    - 4) Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service with area churches in the Kennett borough – November 19<sup>th</sup> sign up not needed for this event...just come and participate Details will be in Flocknotes
    - 5) The Joyful Scenes of Christmas & Tree Lighting – December 10<sup>th</sup>
      - a) **Stations of the Cross** –at 7:00 pm classes have been assigned dates. Please refer to the PREP calendar. **ASH WEDNESDAY** is on Wednesday, February 14, 2024
  - b. **Family Gatherings (Sign – up ahead of time) Families are asked to attend two gatherings.**  
Be sure to read the bulletin and Flocknotes for additional gatherings.
    - 1) Abby Fest – September 16, 2023-Noon till 9:30 PM [www.TheAbbeyFest.com](http://www.TheAbbeyFest.com)
    - 2) Eucharist Revival-September 30, 2023...Check Flocknotes for more information
    - 3) Parish Oktoberfest Family Picnic- Sunday, October 15, 2023
    - 4) Rosary Rally October 14, 2023 at noon
    - 5) Fall Movie Night-October 27th
    - 6) Thanksgiving Baskets – join other PREP families in making food baskets for the Kennett Area Food Cupboard - November 10, 2023 from 6 to 8 PM
  - c. **Adult Faith Formation Speaker Series (AFF) Families are asked to attend one gathering.**  
Be sure to read the bulletin and Flocknotes for additional gatherings.
    - 1) Father Connolley – October 8, 2023
    - 2) Father Connolley - October 29, 2023
    - 3) Women’s Evening of Reflection–November 30, 2023 (sign up ahead of time)
    - 4) Family-tine Event-TBD
  - d. **Attendance at 9:00 AM Sunday Class Mass**
    - 1) Seventh Grade – Candidate/ Sponsor Mass October 22, 2023
    - 2) Second Grade- November 12th 9:00 a.m. mass Students should remain in the pews with parents during mass.
    - 3) Third and Fourth Grade – January 7, 2023
    - 4) Fifth and Sixth Grade – February 4, 2023
    - 5) First & Kindergarten-February 25, 2023

*\*\*\*Sacrament levels must attend all mandatory sacramental classes, retreats and presentations. \*\*\**

*Dates are posted on the parish website under YOUTH Tab-PREP*