



St. Patrick Parish

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 to **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 and ask that our PREP families continue 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 scheduled during the year.

In addition to the events listed we will have **two special Family PREP Classes**. The first event will take place on Sunday, October 6th and the second class will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2025. Families will be able to participate in this event either after the 9:00AM, 10:30AM, or 12:00PM Mass. A Sign-Up Genius will be placed in Flocknotes for families to sign up for their session. These two special Family Enrichment Classes are for **ALL Sunday and Monday PREP students and their families**; this will be in lieu of the traditional PREP class for that week.

“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. Please refer to website or handbook for more information.

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

Dates are posted on the parish website under YOUTH Tab-PREP and will be updated on Flocknotes.

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 on Sundays beginning in October
Each class will be assigned a date to lead a decade of the Rosary but feel free to join on any Sunday via zoom. The link can be found on the parish website to join any Sunday. Class dates will be posted in Flocknotes and an email will be sent to families to sign-up to participate in leading a decade.
 - 3) **Children’s Living Rosary** –Sunday, October 13th and Monday, October 14th in the St. Joseph Room during PREP. Look for more information in Flocknotes.
 - 4) **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** with area churches in the Kennett borough – November 24th signs up not needed for this event...just come and participate details will be in Flocknotes
 - 5) **The Joyful Scenes of Christmas & Tree Lighting** – December 8th
 - b. **Stations of the Cross** –at 7:00 pm classes have been assigned dates. Please refer to the PREP calendar. **ASH WEDNESDAY** is on Wednesday, March 5, 2025
 - c. **Family Gatherings-families are asked to attend two gatherings.**
Be sure to read the bulletin and Flocknotes for additional gatherings and if you will need to purchase tickets or use Sign-up Genius.
 - 1) Abby Fest – September 14, 2024 www.TheAbbeyFest.com
 - 2) Parish Oktoberfest Family Picnic- Sunday, October 13, 2024—tickets will be on sale after mass
 - 3) Rosary Rally October 12, 2024 at noon
 - 4) Fall Movie Night-October 25th
 - 5) Thanksgiving Baskets – join other PREP families in making food baskets for the Kennett Area Food Cupboard - November 15, 2024 from 6 to 8 PM-Sign-Up Genius will be in Flocknotes
 - d. **Family Enrichment Classes**-look for Sign-up Genius to select your session.
 - 1.) Sunday, October 6, 2024
 - 2.) Sunday, January 26, 2025
 - e. **Adult Faith Formation Speaker Series (AFF)** Families are asked to attend one gathering.
Be sure to read the bulletin and Flocknotes for dates, times, and additional gatherings.
 - 1) Father Connolley – September 22, 2024
 - 2) Father Connolley - October 6, 2024
 - 3) Women’s Evening of Reflection–December 5, 2024 with Fr. Matt Guckin (sign up ahead of time.
Other events will be placed in Flocknotes as information is received.
 - f. **Attendance at 9:00 AM Sunday Class Mass**
 - 1) **Level 2** Blessing Mass Sunday, October 27th -Students should remain in the pews with parents during mass.
 - 2) **Level 7** – Candidate/ Sponsor Mass Sunday, November 17th -followed by class for all candidates.
 - 3) **Levels 3 & 4**– January 12, 2025
 - 4) **Levels 5 & 6**– February 9, 2025
 - 5) **Kindergarten & Level 1**-March 9, 2025