

# Saint Luke the Evangelist

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE!

**Students K – 8 should be registered for Religious Education on Sunday morning.**

**Sacramental Preparation**

**Grades 2 (Reconciliation)**

**Grade 3 (Confirmation & Eucharist)**

**Sacramental Preparation for older children**

**Resource Program for high school students**

**Sacramental Preparation for high school students**

Christ is risen!

I hope and pray that the joy of the Easter season continues to echo in your busy lives! This letter is about our plans for Religious Education at Saint Luke Parish after a too-long disruption. **Beginning in the Fall we will resume our Religious Education program for students in K - 8 with Sunday dismissal at the 10:00 am Liturgy at Plaistow.** As in years past, students will be dismissed at the beginning of Liturgy for their own Liturgy of the Word downstairs in the Hall, then they will proceed to their group meetings in individual classrooms. They will return to church at the time of the recitation of the Creed for the rest of the Liturgy.

We will continue to utilize the Pflaum program as in the past, so that students will have a 4-page leaflet each week with reading and activities. The Pflaum Bulletin inserts will be printed each week, and on-line resources continue to be available for parents. In addition, beginning this Fall and following the directives of the Diocese of Manchester, we will also be providing a resource book for each student published by Loyola Press. The books are a valuable and age-appropriate resource for your use as you see fit.

Following the guidelines from the Diocese, Sacramental Preparation will also return in the Fall. Students in the second grade are eligible to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and students in the third grade are eligible to celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. The special sacramental preparation programs for students will be home-based and are published by Pflaum. They are excellent and user friendly and provide all kinds of on-line resources for parents. In addition, we have materials and a program ready for older students who may have “missed” Sacramental celebrations, and programs for students with special needs. Contact Cathy Smith or Father Albert in the Parish Office for more information about these opportunities.

All our programs may have to contend with a few restrictions involving social distancing and the wearing of masks. Since we are always looking to protect each other, students will have to observe these practices if they continue to be mandated by our Diocese. At this writing, we are no longer restricted as to the capacity of people attending Liturgy, but social distancing guidelines also mean that we are not completely open, so some pews remain closed off. The numbers attending weekend Liturgies do not currently challenge our ability to welcome all who want to gather.

**Enclosed please find a Religious Education registration form for the 2021-22 year. Please complete it and return to the Parish Office at your earliest convenience.**

Beginning this Fall our Parish will also offer a resource session for all high school age students immediately following the 10 :00 am Liturgy at Plaistow. This program is designed to offer high school age students an opportunity for learning and discussion about our Catholic tradition. In addition, these sessions may also lead to helping students who wish to receive the Sacraments of the Church, especially the Sacrament of Confirmation. Registration for the High School Resource Program is open to all high school students and is on the Religious Education Registration Form.

If you are the parent of a Catholic School student, please note that our Sunday dismissal program is entirely optional for your child. Students at Catholic schools are always welcome to participate and can be registered using the enclosed form. The Parish requires Catholic School students who are involved in Sacramental Preparation (Reconciliation, Conformation and Eucharist) to complete the Parish program in all cases.

Adults are always welcome to sit in on our formation programs. We also welcome volunteer adults to help with the Sunday Dismissal program as Catechists, Aides or Hall Aides. All volunteers must complete a Diocesan Application, a mandated Diocesan Child Safety program and a background check.

Adults are also welcome to consider any of our Adult Faith Formation programs offered in person or remotely, please consult the Bulletin or call Cathy Smith, our Pastoral Associate, for more information.

Our community looks forward to welcoming all back to our regular worship and formation calendar. I can be contacted at the above address or at [fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net](mailto:fr.albert@stluketheevangelist.net) with any questions.

Kind Regards:

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