

# St. Mary's Religious Education Program Choices

**ELEMENTARY LEVELS (Levels 1-5)** – meets Sundays, September through April, in the Religious Education Center from 9:40 – 10:50 am. (Calendar available on Parish website.)

- Catechists work cooperatively with families and support them in the faith formation of their children.
- Three family gatherings will be held, Advent, Lent and End of Year.
- Level 2 prepares for First Reconciliation
- Level 3 prepares for First Holy Communion

**JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY: (Levels 6-8)** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, 6:00-8:00 pm, September through April, in the Religious Education Center. Check final schedule for specific dates!

- Our young people are nurtured and supported in the discovery of their Catholic identity and spirituality, as they follow Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life! (John 14:6)
- Levels 7 and 8 prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation is Received in Level 8.
- All Junior High are involved in local community service events.

**ONLINE PROGRAM:** Families learn together using the Word of Life online program available to Levels 1,4,5 and 6. Families will join the Advent, Lent, and End of Year family gatherings and meet in January for a progress assessment. (Online programs are not available for sacramental years for levels 2, 3,7 and 8, nor for those who are enrolled in Catch-Up Catechesis.)

**CATCH-UP CATECHESIS:** For those children who have not received their sacraments at the ordinary age of reception, Catch-Up Catechesis runs concurrently to being enrolled in Religious Education classes. Subject to review by the Pastor, the child must be enrolled in Rel Ed for one full year prior to preparing for their sacraments in the second year of enrollment in Religious Education. At least one parent is expected to attend with their child.

**YOUTH GROUP - Faith in Action:** The group will meet various times throughout the year to assist with community projects and events. We are seeking leaders and ideas!

**The youth group will include** faith building activities and service-based projects, providing opportunities for teens to put their faith into action. This encourages and empowers them to become active members of St. Mary's parish. Events will be advertised on the parish website and bulletin. All Grades 9 to 12<sup>th</sup> youth are welcome to join and bring a friend.

## **To Register:**

- Fill out the Registration form, found on Parish website.
  - Please enclose a copy of your child's baptismal certificate if your child is new to the program or if you have not yet provided one for us.
  - Please be sure to give your current email address and phone number on the form.
  - Enclose a check payable to "St. Mary's Church". Please mail to: St. Mary's Religious Education Office, 14833 Kutztown Rd., Kutztown, PA 19530.
  - Online payment is available if you are registered with the Parish giving Program.
  - Class Registration can be done online. See instructions on the Parish Website, under Religious Education tab.
- **No Child will be denied a religious education due to financial hardship. If you need assistance, please see Father John Maria or contact the Religious Education Office at 610-683-6454, or [reled@stmaryskutztown.com](mailto:reled@stmaryskutztown.com) .**