



St. Francis of Assisi Parish
136 Saxer Ave.
Springfield, PA 19064

April 3, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are already looking forward to another PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) school year! The registration form for 2018-2019 is attached to this letter.

In recent weeks you have been made aware that, after two years of consultation, the Archdiocese has moved the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation to 7th or 8th grade. Following that directive, we will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 7th grade.

We are grateful for this decision for many reasons. Parishes which already confirm in 7th or 8th grade have noted that their students have a better understanding of the sacrament and their call to discipleship. Middle school students are quite involved in their school and other activities for their personal growth and development. The Church desires the same for them in regards to a growing relationship with Jesus that impacts their faith and spiritual development. We will now have the opportunity to share the Church's teachings on morality with this age level. The 7th grade curriculum, which the Archdiocese calls us to provide, is all about the person of Christ and his teachings concerning morality. Our desire is to enable the children to not only know about Jesus, but to enter into a deeper relationship with Him.

We need you to walk this journey with your children. Talk to them about what they are learning on Tuesdays. Help them to make connections between our faith and their everyday lives. The most important aspect is that you and your children are living your faith which is rooted in participating in the celebration of Mass each week, receiving the sacraments and prayer. The children need you to be with them at Mass each week and experience God's love in the Eucharist. The children will come to know the healing of Christ in the Sacrament of Reconciliation through your example. Praying together as a family and encouraging them to pray on their own helps them to know God is always with them and loves them.

Over the past five years the registration fees have remained the same. The fees for the next school year have changed to reflect the increased costs for the education and formation of the children and are attached to this letter. Along with the registration fee for PREP, we depend upon your weekly contributions and all of the generous parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi who enable the formation of our children in faith. You are encouraged to take full advantage of our Scrip Program as an easy way to lower your fee payments. This is a tremendous program that each family should support.

Thank you for your continued prayers as together we help the children to know, love, and serve God.

In Christ's love,

Rev. Anthony J. Costa

Rev. Anthony J. Costa, Pastor

Re-Registration Fees and Guidelines 2018-2019

\$200.00 for 1 child

\$300.00 for 2 children

\$400.00 for 3 or more children

Re-Registration Fees if paid after June 12, 2018

\$250.00 for 1 child

\$350.00 for 2 children

\$450.00 for 3 or more children

Re-registration will take place :

- Weeks of April 10th to June 12th
- 9:00am – 8:00pm on Monday to Thursday in the rectory*
- 9:00am – 4:00pm on Friday in the rectory*
- Sent in with your child on Tuesdays

**Please note: The rectory is closed from 12 to 1pm for lunch.*

Please place all cash or checks in an envelope marked “PREP Registration 2018-2019.” If paying by check, please make checks payable to St. Francis of Assisi.

There must be one registration form for each child. Do not register more than one child on the same form.

If you have an incoming first grader, please e-mail Madelyn McBride at sfare@sfaparish.org and she will e-mail you another form.