

# ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA

## FAITH FORMATION

809 Park Ave Collingswood, NJ 08108



Dear Parents,

Registration for St. Teresa's 2019-20 Faith Formation program has begun. Parents can choose from three options for First Grade through 7<sup>th</sup> grade: Weekly classes, Home school, and Summer intensive. We will only offer Sunday morning classes for kindergarten. Confirmation candidates (8<sup>th</sup> grade) will attend classes 2-3 times per month on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:30 PM. Please refer to the sessions, days and times listed below.

All children need to be re-registered each year. Families should be registered members of St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish. Please complete the registration information and return it with fees to the Faith Formation office by **May 20**. Please note: **THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE SUMMER OPTION IS MAY 1. IF REGISTRATION NUMBERS FOR OUR SUMMER OPTION EXCEED CAPACITY, WE WILL PLACE NAMES IN A LOTTERY AND FAMILIES WILL BE NOTIFIED.**

### **Classes will be held in Good Shepherd School on the following days and times:**

**SUMMER SESSION (JUNE 23-JUNE 28, Sun 2:30-7PM; Mon-Wed-Fri 8:30am-1:30PM; Tue-Thur 8:30-3:30PM)  
FOR GRADES 1 THROUGH 7**

**WEEKLY SUNDAY 9:30-10:45AM FOR GRADES K THROUGH 7**

**WEEKLY TUESDAY 3:30 -4:45PM FOR GRADES 1 THROUGH 6**

**HOME SCHOOL FOR GRADE 1 THROUGH 7**

**CONFIRMATION PREP YEAR 2 (SUNDAY EVE 6:30-8:30PM 2-3 X A MONTH)  
MUST HAVE COMPLETED CONFIRMATION PREP YEAR ONE**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Families opting for the summer session or home school will be required to attend 6 parish intergenerational events between September and May. Home school parents will also be required to attend a designated number of parent meetings.

#### **Fee Schedule**

\$120—one child. \$190—2 children. \$240—3 or more children (By May 20 deadline)

**THERE WILL BE A \$35 LATE FEE AFTER MAY 20.**

**THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

#### **Copies of Baptismal certificates needed for:**

- Children registering for the first time who were not baptized at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish (St. John's & Holy Saviour parishes).

St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish is privileged to support you as you help your child grow in love and understanding of God and the richness of our Catholic faith. We look forward to a year filled with growth in both knowledge and love of God and deeper awareness of the importance of community and service in the life of a Catholic. Please contact me at 856-858-0298 or [plipperini@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org](mailto:plipperini@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org) with any questions or concerns.

We are always in need of catechists and aides to serve our children and keep our program growing and vibrant. More catechists also means smaller classes for the children. Please contact me if you are interested. All volunteers in contact with children must be background checked and attend a Child Abuse Protection Seminar. The parish will reimburse the costs. The Faith Formation fee will be waived for those who volunteer as catechists or aides.

Patricia Lipperini, PhD  
Director, Faith Formation

*Further explanation of the Summer Intensive and Home School can be found on the next page.*

**ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA**  
**Alternative Models of Faith Formation**  
**Summer Intensive \* Home School**



**SUMMER INTENSIVE**

Our Summer Intensive Faith Formation Option will begin on **Sunday June 23 with an afternoon session for parents and children (2:30-and ending with attendance at the 6PM mass)**. The session will continue through the week **(children only): M-W-F- from 8:30-1:30 and Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30-3:30PM**. The classes will be held in Good Shepherd School. This option is open to parishioners entering grades 1 through 7. Please note that those children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will also be required to attend separate Sacramental Prep sessions in the fall for First Reconciliation and in the spring for First Eucharist.

This program will cover the same material that is covered in our traditional weekly classes. It will satisfy the class hour requirement for faith formation. Those who choose this option must also commit to attending 6 parish events held September through May. A list of the events will be given to parents in September and they can choose which events to attend. Failure to attend these events will result in a loss of credit for the grade and preclude the child from future summer intensive sessions. Additionally, the absentee policy will be very strict during these summer sessions. Children must commit to attending every day. There will be a very limited allowance for early dismissal and these instances must be approved prior to beginning the program.

Because of the intense time commitment, we will limit the number of children to 12 per classroom (provided we have enough catechists and aides). We are always in need of volunteers and those who can serve an aide or catechist will have priority for registering their children. Parents who volunteer for the entire session will have their Faith Formation fees waived. Families who participated in last year's program and who have completed the intergenerational event requirement will also receive preference for the program.

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**HOME SCHOOL**

This model offers parents an opportunity to participate more fully in their child's faith formation. Parents receive the home school lesson plans and work with their child each week. Parents attend 4 parent sessions during the course of the year. They receive upcoming lesson plans, submit assessment and review sheets from their child's work, and participate in formation regarding the unit themes of the program. Families who opt for this model must commit to attending 6 parish intergenerational events held September through May. A list of the events will be given in September and parents can choose which events to attend.

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