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# Family News and Resources

*"You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." **Matthew 5:14,16***

## Religious Education Announcements for September 2019

### Beginning of Classes

Welcome back! Our 2019-2020 weekly religion classes begin on **September 15 and 16**. You should receive the beginning-of-year information in the mail very soon. **If you still need to register a child for the Religious Education program, you can [click here to view and print an information/registration packet](#).** We are excited to begin another special year of faith formation with your children!

### Family-Home Study

The first monthly parent and child gathering for the [Family Home-Study program](#) will take place on **Wednesday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Mother Seton Room**. Materials and information about our faith formation program will be distributed as we prepare for a new year of learning, and there will a short family activity and lesson with Sister Cecilia afterwards. We hope to see you there!

### Catechetical Sunday

Our parish will pray for your children's catechists and helpers at the Masses during the weekend of **September 14 – 15** for **Catechetical Sunday**. We have been blessed with another [fabulous group of volunteers](#) this year who are eager to share the Catholic faith with your children!

### Sunday Nursery

The [Sunday nursery](#) returns on **September 15!** Would you like someone to watch your toddlers so that you and others can fully appreciate Mass without distractions? A free [nursery](#) service (child care) for children under the age of three years old is available on most Sunday mornings from **10:15 – 11:30 a.m.** in **Room 126**.

## Family Activities at Sacred Heart in September

### **Eucharistic Adoration and Songs Followed by Kickball**

The [Respect Life Committee](#) invites you to pray and sing at the Holy Hour for Life during [Eucharistic Adoration](#) on **Friday, September 6** from **4:00 – 5:00 p.m.** in the Little Church. Please stop by for 10 to 15 minutes or for the whole hour as we sing songs of praise (including some VBS songs), listen to children read prayers/scripture verses, and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. If your son or daughter would like to read, please arrive by 3:50 p.m. All are invited to join us for kickball on the field near the playground afterwards. Please call Denise Blair-Nellies at **410-795-6852** for more details.

### **Cub Scouts Sign-Up Night**

Cub Scout Pack 706 (chartered by Sacred Heart Parish) is having their open house for all interested boys from the age of kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade on **Thursday, September 12**. Registration starts at 6:15 p.m. For more information, please contact Summer Quisgard at [squisgard4@gmail.com](mailto:squisgard4@gmail.com).

### **Knights of Columbus Speaker Series: Our Lady of Guadalupe**

The [Knights of Columbus](#) are sponsoring a special presentation by guest speaker Joseph Murtha about "The Messages of Our Lady of Guadalupe" on **Wednesday, September 18** at 7:00 p.m. in the West Room. Learn about the meaning of the many symbols in her miraculous image on St. Juan Diego's tilma and much more. Free admission and light refreshments. To reserve seats and for more information, call or text Jude Crino at 410-804-5852 or Grand Knight Ron Spohn at 443-629-0777.

### **Sharing Christ's Love through Song at the Nursing Home**

The Sacred Heart [Respect Life Committee](#) and [Faith in Action](#) invite you to join them in sharing Christ's love by singing songs (including VBS songs) with the residents of **Future Care Cherrywood Nursing Home** (12020 Reisterstown Road) on **Monday, September 23** from **6:30 – 7:30 p.m.** As we give thanks to God for the sacred gift of life, we will also sing "happy birthday" to each resident who has a birthday in September. We will meet in the lobby at 6:25 p.m. Please contact Denise Blair-Nellies at **410-795-6852** for more information.

### **Little Flowers and Blue Knights Catholic Clubs for Children**

[Little Flowers Girls' Club](#) and [Blue Knights Boys' Club](#) are Catholic clubs for children ages 5 and older that teach virtues through scripture, saints' biographies, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Each month, we pray together at [Eucharistic Adoration](#), learn and do lessons in the Faith, activities, talks, crafts, and games. We meet on the **first Friday of each month** at Sacred Heart Church from **6:30 – 8:00 p.m.** We will begin in **October**. There is a suggested donation of \$20 to cover supplies. To participate, please contact Julianne DeMarco at **410-653-0832** or [jmmmcdemarco@gmail.com](mailto:jmmmcdemarco@gmail.com) for Little Flowers or Dante Scancella at **443-902-7158** or [thebutch123@hotmail.com](mailto:thebutch123@hotmail.com) for Blue Knights.

### **Middle School/High School Girls – Faith in Action**

If your daughter is in grade 6 – 12 and wants to grow closer to Christ, participate in service activities, and make new friends, she should be considering joining [Faith in Action](#). Beginning in **October**, we meet on the **first Friday of the month** from **6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** in Room 126. We pray together at [Eucharistic Adoration](#), learn about saints, build friendships, and play Catholic-themed games together. Service projects include preparing baby bottles for the pro-life fundraising efforts, making dolls for abused children, making cards for senior citizens, etc. There is a suggested fee of \$20 to cover supplies. Contact Denise Blair-Nellies at **410-795-6852** or [bill.nellies@gmail.com](mailto:bill.nellies@gmail.com) for more details.

# Online Resources to Use at Home with Your Children

## Pflaum Resources for Families

Includes handouts for families; weekly videos; weekly review template; home instruction; seasonal activities; and "The Gospel at Home", which is a brief, easy to read one-page supplement to our weekly lessons with a summary of the Sunday Gospel, home discussion starters for each age level, and ideas for applying the Gospel message in everyday life. View it online or sign up to receive it by email each week.

## Pflaum Gospel Weeklies Home Page • Pflaum Teaching Resources

Our faith formation program for all age levels this year – *Pflaum Gospel Weeklies*. For help with reinforcement of the lessons (*and for those teaching at home*), the pages above contain links to **many** useful resources like the Teaching Guides, Handbook Strategies, Resource Manuals, and more.

## "Mass Prep" website: Holy Heroes

**"Helping You Bring the Joy of the Faith to Your Family"** This site has reflection activities and videos based on the weekly Mass readings ("Mass Prep"), plus music and more – all of it for free!

## Additional Faith Links for Families and Children

A parish website page with more links and resources to help guide and enlighten Catholic families.

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