

**FAITH FORMATION POLICY**

We believe that it is essential for all children to realize that through Jesus, we find love, security, and a model for daily living. We consider it a privilege to work with you, the Family, in nourishing the Catholic faith of your children.

**PROGRAMS**

We provide instruction on the Catholic Faith in an age-appropriate format. While parents are the first teachers of faith to their children, our Faith Formation teachers reinforce what you have taught and modeled in your home. As they share their knowledge of Catholic Heritage and Church Doctrine they also witness to their love and belief in Jesus.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS**

**ALL PREPARATIONS FOR SACRAMENTS ARE DONE AT YOUR HOME PARISH.**

Watch your website or bulletin for upcoming dates.

**OPTIONS**

The parishes of Eastern Greece/ Charlotte are collaborating to offer more options for our families in Catholic Faith Formation (Religious Education)

Weekly Class – Holy Cross, Holy Name of Jesus and Mother of Sorrows

Family/Intergenerational Program – Mother of Sorrows

Summer Camp – St Charles Borromeo

Homeschool – Holy Cross & St Charles

Your family can choose the program that best suits your schedule & your child’s learning style. Read this tri-fold to learn more about these many options for your children’s Catholic Faith Formation from preschool - 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**TUITION: Payable to Parish where child is registering for classes**

**Programs at Holy Cross and Holy Name:**

**\$50/ONE CHILD or \$80/FAMILY**

**Programs at Mother of Sorrows and St. Charles:**

**\$60/CHILD or \$85/FAMILY**

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

All parishes offer Liturgy of the Word in language appropriate for children. Consult your parish bulletin for times.

**SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL TEENS**

Along with our present activities, all the senior high teens will have the opportunity to be part of a new program which has been developed for them by the Diocese of Rochester.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

All of the Eastern Greece/Charlotte parishes have many opportunities for adults to grow in their knowledge and faith.

**All sites are handicapped accessible.**

**Holy Cross**

**4492 Lake Ave Roch, NY 14612**

**Preschool – Kindergarten**

**Sunday 9:45–11:00AM**

Class time for 3, 4, and 5 year-olds is during 10AM Mass. This time is filled with Bible stories, songs & projects that teach children about the Love of God.

**Grades 1 – 8**

**Sunday 11:30-12:30PM**

Weekly classes include projects, many ways and various experiences to learn about & share faith.

**Grades 4 – 8**

**Monday 6:30- 7:45 PM**

Weekly classes include projects, experiences and various ways to learn about & share faith.

**Home Study**

A program for families who wish to teach their children at home. Throughout the year support & community opportunities are provided during our parish seasonal family activities. Families are expected to attend these gatherings. Family guides are provided.

**Jr Hi Tweens Grades 6 – 8**

**last Friday of each month**

In addition to our weekly classes we provide our Tweens an opportunity to meet new friends while serving others & learning more about faith!

**Senior Hi Teens Grades 9 - 12**

**Sunday: 1:00 - 2:00PM**

We share our faith, serve others & learn more about ourselves and our relationship with God. Our teens have fun, enjoy food and make lasting friendships that enrich their lives.

**Vacation Bible School**

**July 12 - 16**

Crafts, songs, Bible stories, & games where children learn about the life of Jesus.

**CYO – for Various Grades**

While participating in basketball, soccer, summer softball & cheerleading, our children learn and practice Christian values & sportsmanship.

**Holy Name of Jesus**

**15 St. Martin’s Way Roch, NY 14616**

**jointly sponsored with**

**St John the Evangelist, Greece**

**Grades 1 – 5**

**Sunday 9:30 – 10:45AM**

**Or**

**Monday 6:30 – 7:30PM**

We provide traditional weekly faith formation classes for those in Grades 1 through 5. The children also take part in various special programs such as Awesome Sundays, Advent Prayer Services, and Prayer Retreats over the course of the year.

**Grades 6 – 8 Junior High**

**Sundays 6:00 – 8:00PM**

**alternating**

Junior High Youth Group combines both catechesis and social activities in the same program. The Junior High Youth meet on alternating Sundays. These youth also take part in various social justice, spiritual and social activities scheduled throughout the course of the year and in addition to the regularly scheduled gatherings.

**Grades 9 – 12 Senior High**

**Sundays 6:00 – 8:00PM**

**alternating**

Senior High Youth Group combines both catechesis and social activities in the same program. These youth also take part in various social justice, spiritual and social activities scheduled throughout the course of the year and in addition to the regularly scheduled gatherings.

\*On occasion, the Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will meet together over the course of the year for social and catechetical programs.

**Mother of Sorrows**  
5000 Mt Read Blvd Roch, NY 14612

**Family/Intergenerational Program**  
**Sunday 12:00 – 2:00PM**  
**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekends of the month**

This Model of Faith Formation is for any family type, any age, any grade...all generations are welcome.

The two-hour sessions are “hands on”, experiential learning as well as break out sessions for each grade level Pre K – Grade 5, and Middle School, High School and Adults. Each gathering begins with some sort of a meal or snack and then moves into a curriculum-based topic. The program includes 1 or 2 field trips to places of interest in our Diocese.

\*Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Kindergarten – Grade 5**  
**Monday 4:30-5:30PM**

Weekly faith formation in the MOS school building.

**Middle School Grades 6, 7 and 8**  
**Sunday 9:30 – 11:00AM**  
**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month**  
Faith, fun and food at our “**Super Sundays**”

**High School Grades 9 - 12**  
**Sunday 2:00PM**  
**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month**  
Follows a comprehensive youth ministry approach combined with catechesis.

**Summer Bible Fun All Ages**  
**5 Tuesdays July- August 9AM – 3PM**  
A full day of stories, games, crafts, songs and prayer.

**CYO**  
Contact Chris Reiss 585-227-8362

**St. Charles Borromeo**  
3003 Dewey Ave Roch, NY 14616

**Preschool**  
**Sunday 9:30 - 10:30AM**

The *St. Charles Sunday School* program is offered September-April (during the 9:30 Mass). We invite all 3, 4, and 5 year olds to join us as we learn more about Jesus through stories, song, and prayer. Registration required.

**Grades K – 8 Summer Camp**  
**July 12 – 23 9:00AM - Noon**

A two-week faith formation curriculum based program for children in grades K-8. It includes opportunities for prayer, art, music, drama and snack. It is held from July 12-23 (9:00 a.m. to Noon) in the school at St. Charles. Families are expected to attend seasonal family activities.

\*Please note that for Kdg or First Grade placement the child must have completed that grade during the 2009 – 2010 school year.

**Home Study**  
The *Home Study* program is for families who wish to teach their children at home. Children’s texts and family guides are provided. Opportunities for support and community are offered during the year. Families are expected to attend seasonal family activities.

**High School Light & Shine Youth Group**  
**Sunday 6:00 – 8:00PM**

Each Light & Shine Youth gathering consists of prayer, service, faith formation and games. Through participation in parish life and community, teens form lasting friendships and share their faith.

**CYO**  
Grades 3 – 12 Basketball  
Grades 3 – 8 Summer basketball skills camp  
Provides young people the opportunity to practice Christian values and sportsmanship.  
If interested contact 663-3230

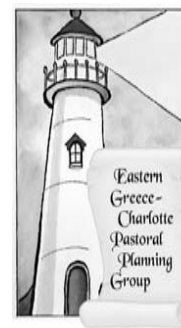
# Catholic Faith Formation

In  
*Eastern Greece/Charlotte*



## Religious Education

for  
**Children~Teens~Families**  
**July 2010 – May 2011**



Holy Cross  
621-8133  
Holy Name of Jesus  
621-6343 x32  
Mother of Sorrows  
621-3495  
St Charles Borromeo  
663-8000  
St John the Evangelist  
621-6343 x32