Family Faith at Home

Make Sunday Come Alive All Week!

The Department of Youth Faith Formation wants to support you and your whole family during this difficult time in our world. Each week we will be sending out this resource which can help you reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings with your entire family.

Here are some ideas on how to use this resource:

- Consider reading one of the mass readings each evening.
- Do the discussion of the Gospel questions after dinner one night.
- Watch the video on a different night. Formed.org is graciously offering free access to our Archdiocese during this time. If you do not already have access, you can sign up here.
- Pray the prayer each evening.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mass Readings:
Acts 1: 12-14
Psalm 27: 1, 4, 7-8
1 Peter 4: 13-16
John 17: 1-11a

Readings can also be found at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Discuss
Share the readings as a family and then discuss:

1. The first reading names all the apostles and others who followed Jesus. These are the people who taught people to love Jesus. Who has taught you how to love Jesus?
2. What are the best things about being part of our family?
3. How does being part of this this family help you be a better person?
4. Jesus tells us in the Gospel that we are now God's. What is the best thing about being part of God's family?
5. How can we help other's know God and love Jesus?

Share:
This week's Gospel is very special because we hear Jesus pray to His Father. It is prayed at the Last Supper. Jesus shares we belong to God and that to know God and to love Jesus is the path to eternal life. Jesus then prays for his disciples who are with him but also for all those who eventually will know and love God—including us! The apostles kept sharing the Good News and we are called to continue their work so that others may know and love Jesus.

Watch
For families with young children, a cartoon about the Gospel.

For families with older children, about sharing the Good News

Pray
May God the Father who made us bless us.
May God the Son send his healing among us.
May God the Holy Spirit move within us and give us eyes to see with, ears to hear with, and hands that your work might be done.
May we walk and preach the word of God to all.
May the angel of peace watch over us and
lead us at last by God's grace to the Kingdom.
St. Dominic

Do
Come up with a family motto that reflects your faith.
Decorate a poster with the motto on it.

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Other Resources for Your Family

ArchCare
ArchCare, the continuing care community of the Archdiocese, has established a 24-hour hotline to assist with any aspect of the coronavirus. If you have questions or other health-related concerns, call their hotline at 877-239-1998.

Catholic Charities of New York
Catholic Charities of New York provides or directs individuals and families to a variety of services ranging from financial to mental health. Do not hesitate to call them at 888-744-7900.

ADAPP
ADAPP, Archdiocese of New York Drug Abuse Prevention Program, has compiled a list of tools and resources for families, caregivers, and students including mental health and food assistance resources. Click here for a listing of resources.

Sunday Mass
Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral is streamed live at 10:15 on Sunday in English and 4:00pm in Spanish

Department of Youth Faith Formation
The Department of Youth Faith Formation encompasses the Catechetical Office and Office of Youth Ministry. Collaboratively, these offices work with parishes and parish leaders to support their efforts to help young people (grades Pre-K to 12) and their families encounter Christ and grow in their Catholic faith. The Department provides training, resources, consultation, networking and events.

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