



South Hills Catholics

Parish Grouping 218

Four parishes joined in faith, hope & love.

Ministries Details - Faith Formation

Contacts can be reached via their associated rectory phone numbers shown.

Adult Faith Lectures

This program consists of 1.5 hr. lessons offered twice a year with 5-7 lessons in each session. Presented by a trained educator (PhD, retired Duquesne Univ. professor) and attended by 50-60 people. Topics include Bible study, Church history, Catholic doctrine, social justice and liturgy. *Meets on selected Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall; check bulletin for schedules.*

Contact: Bill Switala - St. Gabriel (412-881-8115)

Baptism Classes

Preparations for parents seeking to have their child baptized.

Nativity: Jeff Conklin (412-551-8984)

St. Germaine: Mary Beth Green (412-833-0661)

St. Gabriel: Carol Vater (412-551-8984)

St. Valentine: Carol Vater (412-835-4415)

CCD & CGS

The parishes in our Grouping offer several options for our children's religious education.

Please go to this link for more details about the programs we offer: [Youngsters' Faith Formation](#)

ChristLife

Three separate courses, (1) Discovering Christ, (2) Following Christ and (3) Sharing Christ each consisting of six evenings and one day long retreat focusing on video presentations and small group discussion about strengthening your relationship with Jesus Christ. The program was offered three times within the parish from 2014 through 2017 and will be offered periodically in the future. *Check bulletin for upcoming schedules.*

Contact: Jim Zern - St. Gabriel (412-881-8115)

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), is the process through which un-baptized adults or baptized adult Christians are formed in the teachings and practices of Catholicism and are then initiated into the Catholic Church. RCIA begins in early fall and includes periods of Inquiry, Catechumenate, Mystagogy and Enlightenment. It's marked by various rites (Acceptance/Welcoming, Sending/Election and the Minor Scrutinies) which usually occur at Sunday Mass. Full Initiation into the Catholic Church occurs at the Easter Vigil Mass through the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation.

Contact: Fr. John Skirtich (412-881-8115)



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Small Groups Ministry

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Contact: Angie Cross - St. Gabriel (412-881-8115)

Vacation Bible School

Held annually for one week during the summer for children aged four to 10. Approx. 150 children experience Bible stories, prayerful music, crafts and games. The week starts and ends with family get-togethers. Approx. 50 parishioners (adults/middle school students) volunteer to run the program. VBS is held at St. Valentine Church during the last week in June. The St. Gabriel VBS is typically held in late July or early August.

Contact: Heather Hampton - St. Gabriel (412-881-8115)

Carol Vater - St. Valentine (412-835-4415)

"Wee Believers"

Volunteers run a special program for young children during the Liturgy of the Word while their parents attend Sunday morning Mass. Details are at this link: <http://www.stvals.org/li>

St. Valentine: Sundays, 10:30 am, Lisa Thompson (412-835-4415)