Family Mass

A Message from the Pastor, Fr. Jack

Faithful attendance at Mass helps children to recognize the sacredness of the Eucharist, to value their faith, and to appreciate the value and importance of Christ's invitation. None of us are truly worthy to be in the presence of Christ, but He shows up anyway. I urge you to make every effort to show up for Him. We cannot open the door to the Church at a child's Baptism, only to slam it in their face, because they are not brought to Sunday Mass.

As of October 14th, I have decided that each ***9:00AM Sunday Mass*** will be designated a ***"Family Mass".*** I realize it is difficult for families to find the time to spend together, but it is critical for us to remember that we are all a community of baptized persons, each a child of the Father, called to evangelize and serve. Some parents struggle to articulate their faith, some parents feel distant from the church, and for many, their faith has not been a part of their daily lives. I invite all families to join us as we grow together in our Gospel faith, guardians of family values, and living treasures of sound religious tradition. Statistics will show that people who regularly attend Mass together as a family, are most likely to continue to attend Mass as adults. Attending Mass isn't about you and it isn't about me…..it is about accepting the gift that is the Eucharist, offered freely to all of us, in the hope of our salvation, free from sin, welcomed to eternal life in Heaven.

A Family that Prays Together, Stays Together.

If you and your family would like to participate in the 9:00AM Family Mass, the first of which will be ***October 14, 2018***, please complete the form below and return it to the St. Ambrose School Office, the PSR office, the Parish Office, or you may drop it in the collection. You may also email the information below to joan.abitabile@saintambroseparish.com or call 732-679-5666. Participation will include:

Families & children accompanying main celebrant at Entrance Procession
Families & children bringing up Offertory Gifts during Offertory Procession
Families & children reading Scripture, the Focus, and/or the Universal Prayer

All families selected will be advised of a practice schedule for a particular Mass assigned, and readers will be provided with copies of readings for the Mass.

Family Mass 2018-2019

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Name home phone cell phone

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my child attends St. Ambrose School my child attends St. Ambrose PSR

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children's name(s) & age(s)

_____ I do not have children, however, I would like to participate in the Family Mass.

(please complete and return to the School/PSR/Parish office)