

Dear Faith Formation Families.

Welcome and thank you for choosing BREAD, our latest effort to form our young children (Grades 1 through 6) and their families in the Catholic faith. This will be our second year using this Family Formation model. We learned a lot this past year and know the years ahead will be even better. While many things remain as they were in the 2024-25 year, we have made improvements based on the feedback of parents and families from last year. Your willingness to enter into BREAD is an incredible sign of openness to your own formation as well as that of your child. We are looking forward to a wonderful new year with you!

Your Family is part of the **BREAD 1** portion of the program. This means that your child is preparing to receive **First Holy Communion in May 2027** (See attached calendar for the year 2025-26.). First Holy Communion is a sacrament that requires two years of preparation.

We share the following so you can be fully informed of the expectations and commitment required for this program:

- For **BREAD 1** - your first parent meeting will be on **September 15th at 5pm OR September 17th at 7pm** at the Chapel of St. Brigid Our Lady of Hope School, 101 Maple Avenue Westbury NY- You must attend one of these meetings in September. A bible for **BREAD 1** will be provided at this event and this event is **required**
- Opening Prayer Service will be held on Wednesday **September 24th at 5pm OR September 24th at 7pm** at the Chapel of St. Brigid Our Lady of Hope School, 101 Maple Avenue Westbury NY. This is a required event and all families are expected to attend ONE of the prayer services. ***Please bring your Bible to the Opening Prayer Service.*** See attached calendar for the year 2025-26.
- Parents or guardians **MUST** attend **ONE** family formation session ***with their child*** on or about during the first week of each month from October - May. Having children come with their parents was a suggestion made by many parents and caregivers during the last year and we believe we have come up with some great ideas for the years ahead. This session will be offered three times each month - generally the first Monday of the month at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. and the first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Finalized dates have been posted <https://Faith Formation Calendar> Missing more than two sessions will require a repeat of the year. **NOTE:** St. Brigid's does not offer a "classroom" or "online" model of Family Faith Formation. At various months, students and parents/guardians will be invited to attend an **additional** family formation session.
- Parents and caregivers will work with their child/dren to explore each month's topic using the Family in Faith materials and resources provided to you at each session.
- Parents/caregivers are required to complete an online form demonstrating some knowledge of the catechesis topic of the month.
- As part of our BREAD process, families are expected to attend Mass each Sunday and complete **twenty (20) Mass reflections** throughout the year and complete a required number of service experiences (it varies based on age and will be clearly listed in the journal) **Failure to return a completed journal will require repetition of the formation year.**

We are excited about all this new year is bringing and we cannot wait to begin the journey with you and your family. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [faithformation@saintbrigid.net](mailto:faithformation@saintbrigid.net) or 516-334-0021

Peace and Blessings to all,



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