



Dear Faith Formation Families:

We are excited to welcome you for the first time and some of you back to a new year of faith formation in our parish community. You and your family are part of two programs in our Family Faith Formation program BREAD and WATER. We write today to follow up on what you read when registering your child/children.

**First, your child is part of WATER.** This is our formation process for young people preparing for the sacrament of **Baptism** and the sacraments of initiation, similar to what adults who desire baptism enter into. So, your family must attend at 9:15 a.m. Mass on the Sunday's listed below. Before the first reading, he/she will be dismissed to work with a team of catechists to learn more about our faith and Baptism. The children will meet you back at the end of Mass so you can go home together. The tentative plan is for **your child to be baptized at the Easter Vigil in 2027.** (Those who have been working in this process **last year will be baptized at the Easter Vigil in 2026.**)

Second, as part of this formation, you and your child are enrolled in **BREAD** (generally for families in grades 1-6) OR **FIRE** (generally for students in grades 7 and up to 18years old). You will receive a separate letter from me regarding BREAD or a separate letter for Confirmation Preparation, regarding FIRE. Please NOTE: Your child must participate in both WATER and FIRE or BREAD (depending on their age or Sacrament they need.)

Attendance and participation of students and families in both programs **is expected and required.**

Let us pray for each other these days!

Peace and Blessings to all,

Jacqueline M. DeLeon,  
Director of Family Faith Formation

## WATER

Families attend at 9:15 a.m. Mass in Our Lady's Chapel 101 Maple Ave. Westbury NY. Students leave Mass after the Homily and work with a catechist while your family remains at Mass. **Attendance is required at all sessions.**

2025	2026
Sunday, October 19th (Water 1 & 2)	Sunday, January 11th (Water 1 & 2)
Sunday, November 2nd (Water 1 & 2)	Sunday, January 25th (Water 1 & 2)
Sunday, November 9th (Water 1 ONLY) Rite of Acceptance	Sunday, February 8th (Water 1 & 2)
Sunday, November 16th (Water 1 & 2)	Sunday, February 22nd (Water 1 & 2)
Sunday, December 14th (Water 1 & 2)	Sunday, March 8th (Water 1 & 2) First Scrutiny
Sunday, December 21st (Water 1 & 2)	Sunday, March 15th (Water 2 ONLY) Second Scrutiny
	Sunday, March 22nd (Water 1 & 2) Third Scrutiny

**19th of April HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL**