



Seaside Edge

“Leading teens closer to Christ”

8th Grade Dynamic Catholic Faith Formation Program



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Please note there will be an Orientation Night for incoming 8th grade parents and students from 4-5:15 at Resurrection Church on Sunday, September 13, 2020, followed by the 5:30 Kick- Off Opening Life Teen Mass.

Mission Statement: As ambassadors for Christ, our mission is to reflect the love of Christ to all who enter our doors, expressing excitement and enthusiasm for the opportunity to share our church home and to welcome all visitors in such a way that they would be transformed from strangers into friends.

Requirements:

1. **Engage in Dynamic Catholic Sessions In Person/Online.** There are 25 impactful gatherings planned for 2020-21. A student must attend a minimum of 20 classes. These Dynamic Catholic sessions will initially be held outdoors on the lawn and we will transition into Reed Hall for programmatic material when involving videos. The sessions will run 4-5:15 pm on Sundays at Resurrection Church. Once the weather changes, we will be meeting solely in Reed Hall & safely distanced. Pending safety regulations for COVID-19, if we are no longer able to meet, sessions would transition online, involving break out groups. Parental support of child's focused engagement in remote sessions will be appreciated.
2. **Attend Weekly Mass.** Everyone is encouraged to attend the Sunday, 5:30 PM Life Teen Mass on Resurrection Lawn, weather permitting. Parental attendance at Mass is strongly urged as a family practice. Such devotion serves as an integral influence in the child's faith formation. Once indoors, there will be an 80 person limit and we understand that not everyone will be able to attend; alternate Sunday Masses or the Saturday Vigil Mass fulfill the obligation, but please inform Tahni Morell (edge8@hinghamcatholic.org), as the Life Teen Mass is geared toward this age group where a faith-filled, peer community is especially built.

What is Dynamic Catholic?

Dynamic Catholic was founded on the idea of “meeting people where they are and leading them to where God is calling them to be.” Through content and concept rich short films, workbooks, small group discussions and activities, Dynamic Catholic presents the Church's teachings faithfully and in ways that are engaging and relevant for middle schoolers. It offers Catholic catechesis to bring to life the teachings of Jesus Christ, and it also uniquely offers evangelization by invoking dialogue that leads to conversion of heart, mind and soul. Learning is applicable and faith becomes personal. This program will not only prepare young Catholics for the Sacraments of the Church in a dynamic way, but also teach and inspire them to respond and cooperate with God's grace in all the circumstances of their daily lives.

8th Grade Faith Formation Calendar 2020/21 & Dynamic Catholic Session Topics

All Sessions (in person at Resurrection Church/online pending COVID restrictions) are scheduled on Sundays from 4:00-5:15, followed by 5:30 Life Teen Mass

Please strive to attend consecutive Sundays. Curriculum topics are set up in 2 week increments, with the second Sunday building upon the previous session.

9/13 - Orientation with incoming 8th grade students and parents (4-5:15)

9/13 - Kick Off Opening Life Teen Mass

9/20 - Dynamic Catholic Session 1A: **Life is Choices**: *To remind teens that they make hundreds of choices every day and that every choice has consequences. To help teens become better decision makers, and demonstrate that God's way and the way of the world are very different, and invite teens to choose to walk with God.*

9/27 - Dynamic Catholic Session 1B: **Life is Choices**

10/4 - Dynamic Catholic Session 2A: **What's Holding You Back?** *To demonstrate that all paths are not equal and that there is such a thing as objective truth, and to help teens to recognize who and what is holding them back from living the incredible life God invites them to.*

10/11 - NO Class - Columbus Day Weekend - Worship Night after Mass

10/18 - Dynamic Catholic Session 2B: **What's Holding You Back?**

10/25 - Dynamic Catholic Session 3A: **The Jesus Question** *To teach teens that Jesus and his teachings are the answer to the problems we face in our lives and in the world, and to help them recognize the power and importance of having a personal relationship with Jesus.*

11/1 - Dynamic Catholic Session 3B: **The Jesus Question**

11/8 - Dynamic Catholic Session 4A: **The Prayer Process**: *To teach the teens how to pray, that it helps us discover God's will for our lives, and to encourage a daily routine of prayer.*

11/8 - 5:30 Teaching Mass follows; parental attendance is strongly encouraged.

11/15 - Dynamic Catholic Session 4B: **The Prayer Process**

11/22 - Dynamic Catholic Session 5A: **The Bible**: *To demonstrate that the Word of God is a practical and powerful source of inspiration and direction in our lives and to encourage teens to develop the habit of reading the Bible regularly.*

11/29 - NO Class - Thanksgiving weekend

12/6 - Dynamic Catholic Session 5B: **The Bible**

12/13 - Dynamic Catholic Session 6A: **Relationships**: *Establish the purpose of relationships and that the most important relationship in our lives is with God, and demonstrate that developing healthy relationships is essential to the life God is calling us to live.*

12/20 - NO Class - Christmas break

12/27 - NO Class - Christmas break

1/3 - NO Class - Christmas break

1/10 - Dynamic Catholic Session 6B: **Relationships**

1/17 - Dynamic Catholic Session 7A: **The Eucharist:** *To establish that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist and that it is an incredible gift to each of us through the Church. To teach teens how to enter into a eucharistic relationship with God, and explain the transformational power the Eucharist can have in their lives.*

1/24 - Dynamic Catholic Session 7B: **The Eucharist**

1/31 - Dynamic Catholic Session 8A: **The Holy Spirit:** *To demonstrate the practical power of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, and to teach teens to allow the Holy Spirit to guide them in their decisions.*

2/7 - Dynamic Catholic Session 8B: **The Holy Spirit**

2/14 - NO Class - Winter Break

2/21 - Dynamic Catholic Session 9A: **The Church:** *To teach teens that the Church is part of God's plan for humanity and to help recognize that the Church can play a powerful role in their lives, and that they play a unique and vital role in the mission of the Church. [Snowcamps Weekend Retreat Option #1 2/19-2/21, pending Covid. TBD. More info to follow.](#)*

2/28 - NO Class: [Snowcamps Weekend Retreat Option #2 2/26-2/28, pending Covid. TBD. More info to follow.](#)

3/7 - Dynamic Catholic Session 9B: **The Church**

3/14 - Dynamic Catholic Session 10A: **Confirmation:** *To teach about the Sacraments and to demonstrate that teens are personally called and chosen by God, but they are responsible for how they respond to that call.*

3/21 - Dynamic Catholic Session 10B: **Confirmation**

3/28 - Dynamic Catholic Session 11A: **Made for Mission** *To teach teens that God created them on purpose and for a purpose, and to help them discover the mission God is calling them to.*

4/4 - NO Class- EASTER

4/11 - Dynamic Catholic Session 11B: **Made for Mission**

4/17 - NO Dynamic Catholic - Spring break

4/25 - Dynamic Catholic Session 12A: **Holiness is Possible:** *To help teens recognize that there is a connection between happiness and holiness, and to teach teens how to say yes to God and that their yes can make a huge difference.*

5/2 - Last Dynamic Catholic Session 12B: **Holiness is Possible**

Attendance will be taken at all events to track the fulfillment of the above requirements.