

OUR MISSION

God's Family 1 is a program that began over 18 years ago. It was created to serve families who have members, young and old, with special needs, providing a welcoming, faith-filled community for persons with special physical, cognitive or emotional needs. The program offers faith formation and support to both parents and siblings. This program is held on the third Saturday of the month at St. Philip the Apostle Parish in Cheektowaga from 1 to 2:30 pm.

God's Family 2 meets monthly on the second Saturday of the month at 9:30-11am at St. Bernadette Parish 5930 S. Abbott Rd. in Orchard Park. The format includes a light breakfast, interactive learning about our Catholic faith and a commissioning prayer service with materials to learn at home. We welcome families from neighboring parishes.

National Recognition:

- 2012—The National Conference for Catechetical Leadership New Wineskins Award
2009—The Edward M. Shaughnessy III Inclusion Award

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Sponsored by The Beloved Disciples of Christ the Lord Family of Parishes
St. Philip the Apostle, Sacred Heart, Our Lady of Pompeii,
St. Mary of the Assumption,
St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and
St. Martha Parishes.

Here's what people are saying . . .

"We love the day. Everyone is made to feel welcomed and valued. We are so impressed with the loving care and attention to detail that is evident in every one of our meetings." (Parent)

"I have had more meaningful conversations with my son about God and the Church than I have had with adults. I feel like my prayers were answered when we found you. God Bless You and all of God's Family." (Parent)

"We look forward very much to our gatherings; they review for us in a very vivid way the essence of Christianity." (Parent)

"We enjoy the lasting friendships we have made with Christ as the center of our prayer." (Young Person)

For more information

About God's Family 1

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About God's Family 2

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God's Family

Faith Formation Supporting Children and Adults with Disabilities



*St. Philip the Apostle Parish
Msgr. Jasinski Center
950 Losson Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14227*

**Gatherings are on the
Third Saturdays
1:00 pm to 2:30 pm**

Ways to Use God's Family

- As an enhancement to the parish faith formation program
- As a support network for persons with disabilities and their families
- As a resource for those who minister to families with disabilities

Whether you are an active member of a parish or are searching for a faith community, the God's Family Program can serve to both enhance your involvement in parish life and grow and strengthen your faith. In God's Family, there is a place for everyone and we welcome YOU!

Questions? Contact our Coordinators:

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A Typical God's Family Session:

Gatherings from 1:00pm - 2:30pm

GATHERING

Welcome one another

WELCOME

Introduction of theme for the day.

GROWING OUR FAITH

Learn about the Catholic faith together

Use adaptive learning methods

Break up into groups for presentations

BREAK and SNACK TIME

Celebrate Birthdays

SHARING

PRAYER TIME

Listen to or act out Scripture

Offer prayers for others

SENDING FORTH

This dynamic structure gives everyone the opportunity to share and grow in their faith journey together.

2023-2024 SCHEDULE

September 16

Welcoming Picnic

St. Mary of the Assumption
Parish

October 21

November 18

Inclusive

Thanksgiving Mass

December 16

Christmas— Nativity Play

January 20

February 17

March 16

April 20

May 18

June TBD