

Holy Trinity Religious Education Electives

Faith Formation has 6 Important Facets:

- Intellectual Development
- Deep and Personal Prayer Life
- Service to Others
- Active Participation in the Liturgies of the Church
- Active Participation in the Community Life of the Parish
- Evangelization



The Purpose of the Holy Trinity Religious Education Electives is to provide opportunities that focus on Participation in the Liturgies and the Community Life of the Parish.



Every family is to choose TWO electives in the fall semester and TWO electives in the spring semester and attend as a family. There are no additional costs associated with any of these parish events and all are family friendly.

EVENT	DATE	TIME	RSVP needed?	DESCRIPTION
Family Conference	September 28	10:30am-5:00pm	Yes and a registration fee	This conference is for adults. InspireWord focuses on improving relationships with couples and with God. 3 nationally acclaimed speakers on parenting and love. Lunch included. Registration required at www.inspireWord.com .
Children's Vocal Holy Hour	October 4	4:15pm-5:15pm	No	This is a vocal holy hour for families. The prayers are child friendly. This is led by a parish priest and includes a brief catechesis. There is a program to follow along. This is a great way to introduce our youngest children to how to behave in front of the Blessed Sacrament and how to speak to our Blessed Lord using the traditional prayers of the Church.
Life Chain	October 6	2pm-3pm	No	This is a national outdoor silent and prayerful rally for life that extends from coast to coast. We gather on Linton Hall Road in front of the BB&T bank in the Chic-fil-a plaza. Bring your family and bring a rosary. Dress for the weather.
Vatican Mass at our Parish!!	October 21	6:30 PM	No	Bishop Athanasius Schneider will celebrate for Blessed Karl of Austria.
All Hallow's Eve Trunk or Treat event	October 31	Immediately following 5PM Mass	Yes	Join us for the anticipated Mass for All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation) and then stay for dinner and a Saint themed "Trunk or Treat" event in the back parking lot. Children can come to Mass dressed as a saint. No cost for this event, but may be asked to bring something for the chili dinner. All ages welcome.
Voices from the Grave	November 1	7pm-9pm	No	To celebrate All Saints Day for the older crowd (6th grade and up) we will meet the saints of the Church as they speak from the grave to tell their stories of heroic virtue. Free to all families. Location TBD
Wax Museum of Saints	November 3	After the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses. You will choose one or the other.	Yes.	Children dress up like a saint and prepare a very short (3-4 line) biography on the saint. No need to memorize this biography. They will then stand in the hall after Mass like a statue and parishioners will come by and tap a "button" on the floor in front of the "saint statue". This will bring the saint to life and the child will present his/her short biography and then freeze again. This is done for about 25 minutes after the 8:30 Mass OR the 10:30 Mass. You may choose to do one or the other.
Faith and Science Talk	Nov 4 and Nov 11	7pm	No	Steven Hemler will speak on Proclaiming the Reality of God's Existence (11/4). Which is True: Creation, Evolution, or Both? (11/11).
Advent Family Fun Day	November 23	1:00pm-4:00pm	Yes	Families move together from room to room to learn about a variety of ways to make the Advent season more fruitful for the entire family. Each room will have a different theme and a fun activity. Food, crafts, and puppet shows. Free for the whole family.
Rorate Mass	Dec 14th?	TBD	No	Early morning pre-dawn Mass by candlelight. Honors our anticipation of the Light of the World.
Pictures with Baby Jesus and St. Nick	December 15	7:30am - noon	No	Come with your camera and get your family picture with a life-sized beautiful Baby Jesus. Wear your holiday best or borrow some costumes for the children. This makes a wonderful Christmas card and family keepsake.

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Bethlehem Walk	December 19	5pm-8pm each night	No	Come take a walk back in time to the streets of Bethlehem on the evening of the birth of our Savior. Enjoy the sights and sounds of this little town and discover the wonder of the humble conditions under which our Blessed Lord entered human history.
Bethlehem Walk	December 20	5pm-8pm each night	No	Come take a walk back in time to the streets of Bethlehem on the evening of the birth of our Savior. Enjoy the sights and sounds of this little town and discover the wonder of the humble conditions under which our Blessed Lord entered human history.
Defend Life Poster Contest	January	all month. Deadline for entry TBD	No	ALL parishioners are invited to create a poster that expresses a Pro-Life message in a positive and clear way. Best submissions will be displayed in the hallways through the months of January and February.
Blessing of Epiphany Waters	Jan 5th	TBD	No	Come and see the most powerful blessing of holy water that the Church offers! A beautiful traditional liturgy.
Solemn High Mass for Epiphany	January 6th	TBD	No	Come and experience a gorgeous solemn high Mass at the parish
March for Life	January 24	9am-5pm	Yes	Join the parish by riding the buses, or drive on your own, but make your way to the Mall in downtown D.C. to the Rally for Life and then join the thousands of people from around the country to march to the Supreme Court building in protest of their legalization of abortion in the historic decision of Roe v. Wade.
St. Brigid's Baby Blanket Making	January 25	1pm-3pm	Yes	Bring your own fleece and learn how to make no-sew blankets for babies who are born into high risk households. Blankets are given to the mothers who receive prenatal care at the Divine Mercy Clinic in Manassas.
Lent Preparation Day	February 1	1pm-4pm	Yes	Families move together from room to room to learn about a variety of traditions that will enhance your Lenten season and help prepare you for the most sacred season of the year: the Triduum and Easter seasons. For all ages. Free for the whole family.
Way of Beauty Art Show	March 21	2pm-4:30pm	Yes, All submissions will be subject to review and approval before being displayed	All parishioners are invited to submit a piece of art work to this parish event. Through art, beauty is used to bear witness to God across cultures and time and geography. The idea is to use art work to glorify God and reflect the beauty we see around us in the world. Art can actually draw people to Christ! We want to encourage the participants to use ANY media of expression; paintings, drawings, sculpture, sculpi, needlework, photography, even just coloring a page from a coloring book for our little ones! All submissions will be subject to review and approval before being displayed as we are trying to create a very specific theme and atmosphere with this event.

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Living Rosary	April 6	7pm-8pm	No	All parishioners are invited to participate in our annual Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary in the main church. Members of our Spanish community act out the Mysteries as a visual aid to meditate on the Passion of our Savior. Rosary is prayed in English and Spanish.
Christian Seder Meal	April 7	7pm-8:30pm	Yes.	Join us as we learn how the Jewish Passover meal prefigured the Mass. See the connection between the Passover and the Last Supper and the Institution of the Eucharist. This is a teaching meal. It is also a potluck.
Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper	April 9	7:30 PM	No	Come and participate in one of the most beautiful liturgies of the year!
Good Friday Veneration of the Cross	April 10	3:00 PM	No	Come and participate in this traditional Holy Week devotion
Good Friday Living Stations of the Cross	April 10	6:30 PM	No	Come and pray the Stations of the Cross as we journey with Jesus across the parish property and meditate upon the Passion and Death of our Savior.
Easter Vigil Mass	April 11	7:30 PM	No	Join in the MOST solemn and beautiful Mass of the entire liturgical year!
Divine Mercy Chaplet	April 19	3:00 PM	No	Join in the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet on this beautiful feast day of the Church.
Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession	June 14	6:30 PM	First Communicants and Confirmands only need to RSVP.	All parishioners are invited to participate in an outdoor procession where we escort our Blessed Lord into the community! All children who have received their Sacraments in 2020 are welcome to lead the procession. All others are welcome to join in the procession. This is followed by a free ice cream social.