

Our Lady of the Snow Faith Formation Program

Level 1 Parent Meeting Notes

The Diocese (of Rockville Centre) requires a two-year (Level 1 and Level 2) preparatory program for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. During the course of these two years, there will be instructional and informational meetings for the parents/families, as well as instructional content provided in person, and supported by our virtual classroom.

Level 1 (usually first grade) is a 2-part program. The first and most important part is participation in the Mass. Children should attend and participate in the weekend Mass with their families. Which Mass they attend is the decision of the family.

The second part is catechesis, or instruction, which is available remotely and also onsite. Students in Level 1 meet 6 times in the large church with a parent or guardian. They also may access the Level 1 Digital Classroom for additional enrichment. To access the digital classroom, go to www.ourladyofthesnowbluepoint.com, and scroll down under the Faith Formation tab to "Virtual Classroom." Then click on "Level 1 Virtual Classroom Links." The six sessions online complement the onsite meetings. Students who need to be remote only, or on home study, can access the Level 1 lessons through a Google Classroom code that will be provided via the Remind App in late summer.

The Level 1 year will kick off with a Welcome Mass on September 24, 2023 at 11 a.m. Parents will be reminded of the fall date of this year's Welcome Mass via a Remind message in late summer. At the Mass, children will receive Bibles and they will be blessed. They will also receive the picture book Fr. Ben Gets Ready for Mass by Katie Warner, which will be part of the lesson in one of the parent-child meetings.

Onsite is the preferred way of meeting for most students. We meet onsite once per month from October through March. The dates for this year's parent-child meetings are held on the following Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the large church:

10/26/23, 11/16/23, 12/21/23, 1/25/24, 2/29/24, & 3/7/24

Students memorize the following prayers in Level 1:

- Sign of the Cross
- Glory Be
- Our Father

In Level 2, students will memorize the following prayers:

- Hail Mary

- Act of Contrition

In Level 2 students will also demonstrate a mastery of the gestures, response and format of receiving Holy Communion. The best way to prepare your child for this is to model receiving Communion for them at weekly Masses.

How will student mastery of these prayers be assessed?

Over the course of our monthly meetings, there will be an opportunity at the end of sessions for students to recite their memorized prayers in front of a catechist, who will record their achievements.

If you have any questions about this year's program, just ask! Loren can also be reached very easily through the Level 1 Remind App. To join, text **@e8cd66h** to **81010**.

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