

Updated Lesson for Sunday, October 25, 2020 (The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Dear Families,

It was wonderful to see so many of you these past two weeks as we met to launch the new year and distribute materials. I am praying that you are well and staying safe. My goal as we move forward is to try to streamline lessons and make them as easy to navigate as possible. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you are having difficulty with anything or need clarification.

- All lessons correspond to the weekly Pflaum Gospel Weeklies that you were given at the meeting. The date for each week can be found in the top right corner. Lessons are organized by Grade Level on the Holy Family website at holymfamilyrockland.org. (Promise = Grade K/1; Good News = Grades 2/3; Venture = Grades 4/5; Visions = Grades 6/7/8; Called to Be Catholic = 9th Grade; Confirmed in the Spirit = 10th Grade) Click on the Faith Formation link and then choose your child's grade level. Everything you need for the week is right at the top with:
 1. Links to the Teaching Guide to help your children each week
 2. A copy of the student's Gospel Weekly – although they should be working from the copy they were given at the meeting. If you have not picked up your child's materials, please call the office this week and make a plan to stop by and get materials!!
 3. A video clip of the Gospel reading or other relevant material
 4. And additional activities to support the lesson (Coloring pages, puzzles, worksheets etc.).
- **K-8 Grade Students:** In this Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 22:34–40, the Pharisees are again trying to test or trick Jesus. They understood there are many laws in the first five books of the Bible—the books the Jews call the Torah, or the Law. The Pharisees asked Jesus which law was the greatest. Jesus answered at once: You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. And you must love your neighbor as yourself. Then Jesus gave the reason these two laws are important— because all the other laws depend on these two commandments. **This week is a wonderful opportunity for your family to celebrate your love for God and your love for one another.**
- **9-10 Students:** Please go to our Parish website (holymfamilyrockland.org) Click on the Faith Formation Link and then on either Grade 9 or 10 for your child. Lessons will be posted here weekly. This week, please have your child read through the readings for today's Mass, then have them spend a few minutes reading over and reflecting on the Questions to Ponder. It might be good to have them respond in writing to the questions. They can keep their responses in their folder that they were given at our meeting. Remember they must watch Mass online if they were not able to sign up to attend in person. Once they have watched Mass, they should sign their green Mass ticket and a parent needs to sign it as well. There is no assigned reading from their textbooks for this week.
- **All Parents:** If you were unable to make the grade level meetings and have yet to pick up your child's text book and Information Folder please call the office (781-871-1244) or email (holymfamilyreligioused@yahoo.com) to make arrangements to get those materials now.

Lastly, and most important: If you were unable to attend Mass in person this week please make sure to watch Mass online. (It is also on the local WRPS Cable station.) I will put a link on each of the student grade level pages on the website.

We miss you! We love you! Please let us know if we can help in any way to make this process as smooth as possible for your family. We know how much you all have on your plate. We continue to pray for the health and safety of all our families and offer prayers of gratitude for all those that are working here in our area and around the world to aid those affected by the Coronavirus. Yours in Christ, Liz Davis