

*St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish*

*Generations of Faith 2009 - 2010*

*Connecting Faith, Worship, and Life*



*Information and Registration*

Includes

First Eucharist / First Penance and Confirmation

Sacramental Preparation Programs

## Welcome to Generations of Faith

Responding to the Gospel and the call of Pope Benedict XVI for a new evangelization, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish uses a liturgy-centered, lifelong, and intergenerational approach to Catholic faith formation. The goal is to help everyone to become a better disciple by integrating faith, worship, and life in light of the Gospel. Since this is an ongoing, lifelong task, we invite EVERYONE in the parish to participate, especially *adults*. All are welcome!

As we enter our 6<sup>th</sup> year of intergenerational, community-based faith formation, we assume that most of our parishioners have become familiar with this approach. Those who would like further information regarding GOF are invited to visit our website [www.seoh.org](http://www.seoh.org) and click onto the Generations of Faith link.

### Generations of Faith Schedule for 2009 – 2010:

(Please tear out for your refrigerator!)

Sessions begin promptly. Please be ready to pray the table blessing at the stated time. \*If you are unable to attend your regularly scheduled session, please contact Barbara at [jhmin@seoh.org](mailto:jhmin@seoh.org) to request placement in one of the other sessions on a first come, first served basis. Sunday evenings are not open for switching until December.

There will be an orientation session for all new families on **Monday, Sept. 22 @ 7:30 PM**. This is for adults and parents only.

#### 2009- 2010 Sessions

- Wednesday Sessions: 5:30 – 8:00 PM
- Saturday sessions: 6:15 – 8:45 PM
- Sunday session 1: 12:00 – 2:30 PM
- Sunday session 2: 5:00 – 7:30 PM

**Sept/Oct. GOF:** "The Sacrament of Marriage,"  
Gen: 2, 18 – 24 and Mark: 10  
Masses for the 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT: 10/3 and 10/4  
GOF Sessions: 9/26, 9/27, and 9/30

**November:** "All Saints," Matthew 5: 1 – 12  
Masses for the Solemnity of All Saints 10/31 and 11/1  
GOF Sessions: 11/4, 11/7 and 11/8

**December:** "Gaudete Sunday"  
Masses for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent: 12/12 and 12/13  
GOF Sessions: 12/9, 12/12 and 12/13

**January:** "Word of God," Luke 1: 1-4  
Masses for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in OT: 1/23 and 1/24  
GOF Sessions: 1/20, 1/23 and 1/24

**February:** "The Transfiguration," Luke 9: 28 - 36  
Masses for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent: 2/27 and 2/28  
GOF Sessions: 2/24, 2/27 and 2/28

**March:** "Prodigal Son" (Reconciliation), Luke 15  
Masses for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent: 3/13 and 3/14  
GOF Sessions: 3/17, 3/20 and 3/21

**April:** "Doubting Thomas," John 20  
Masses for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter: 4/10 and 4/11  
GOF Sessions: 4/10, 4/11 and 4/14

**May:** "Confirmation and the Holy Spirit," John 14:  
23- 29  
Masses for the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: 5/8, 5/9  
GOF Sessions: 5/1, 5/2, and 5/5 (prepare

## 2009 - 2010 Registration Policies and Procedures

We will do our best to accommodate 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choices, but *requests are honored on a first-come, first served basis*. Forms may be mailed in or delivered to the box on the door of the RE Office. To facilitate our planning, we ask that registrations be returned by July 1, 2009; however, meeting that deadline does not guarantee a first choice placement.

For those who wish to sign up for a particular session, we will be holding a Registration Day on Wednesday, May 27. Either Cindy or Barbara will be in the Office from 9 – 3 and again from 6:00 – 8:00 PM to assist you. ***If Sunday evening is your first choice, you are strongly advised to register on or before 5/29. Registrations close when the session is filled.***

Please note the following:

- **Children who are under the age of 5 may accompany parents to GOF, but it is the responsibility of parents to supervise them at all times.** There is no charge for children who will be under the age of 5 on 9/1/2009. Please add their names to the registration form, but write 4 years old clearly, so they are not charged.
- **Children in Grades K - 4 must register *and* participate the entire GOF session with an adult.** 5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to attend the family session for part or all of the year.
- **Children in grade 5 – 8 must register and participate the entire GOF session with an adult on the premises.** Parents are responsible for their children's behavior during the meal and the intergenerational activities. Parents may participate in the middle school or the adult breakout.
- **Children in grades 9 and 10 must register with a parent, an older sibling, or a Confirmation sponsor.** It is recommended that this person participate in all GOF sessions with their teen.
- Teens in Grades 11 and 12 may register and participate in GoF without an adult.
- **Adults 60 and older may participate free of charge.**
- **Registration and participation at GoF is required of all First Communion and Confirmation candidates. First Communion usually takes place in Grade 2. Confirmation takes place in Grade 10.**

### ***Family-Friendly Flexibility:***

- Parishioners with pre-school children should feel free to have one parent take them home early, if need be, while the other parent remains on site with the older children. Parents with children in the Primary Breakout are welcome to participate in the Adult breakout on another day. Please just let us know.
- If a conflict comes up on your regularly scheduled session, contact Barbara Dane and if room is available, you may attend a different session for that month.
- Our breakout sessions are recommended for the following age groups.
  - Primary session: K – 4 and at least one parent
  - Middle School session: 5 – 8
  - High School session: 9 – 12
  - Adult session: Everybody else!!! ☺

Please feel free to adjust these based on your child's specific needs. 5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to stay in the family sessions for part or all of the year. Students in grades 11 and 12 are welcome to join the adult session. Parents are welcome at both the middle school and the high school session.



# An Invitation – Opportunities for GoF Ministry!

The success of the Generations of Faith program depends on you. Your willingness to volunteer your time and talents will enhance the program. Whether you can afford an hour a month or would like to run a portion of the program, we need your voice, talent, and experience to help us make GoF an even more effective faith formation program. Please take a look at the enclosed list of opportunities for ministry. Pray on it – listen to where God is calling you.

Please select your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices. Feel free to copy this sheet if more than one person in your household would like to volunteer.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
GOF Session planning to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

## Administrative Support

### Registration Help: Barbara Dane

Input registration data (summer) \_\_\_\_\_

### Meal Preparation: Joy Agule

|                      |       |               |       |
|----------------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| Schedule coordinator | _____ | Set up tables | _____ |
| Shopping             | _____ | Serving       | _____ |
| Preparation          | _____ | Clean Up      | _____ |
| Substitute help      | _____ |               |       |

### Hospitality: Toni Rader

Greet & usher at monthly sessions \_\_\_\_\_

### GOF Session Help / Home Kit Preparation: Barbara Dane

Participate in once-a-month Tuesday morning packing meetings: \_\_\_\_\_

### GOF Masters of Ceremonies: Barbara Dane

All ages are invited to participate in the following leadership roles at GOF. Folks will be notified on a monthly basis regarding roles and responsibilities. Please plan on arriving 10 minutes before the session begins to prepare.

Welcoming and leading the table blessing: \_\_\_\_\_

Announcements: \_\_\_\_\_

Scripture Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

### Music: Andrea Goodrich

Available to assist with music at GOF gatherings: \_\_\_\_\_

### Adult Extended Learning Team: Barbara Dane, Steve Ryan, Father Walter

Team needed to help plan and run follow up discussions and/or service work to extend adult and parent faith formation opportunities in the parish. \_\_\_\_\_

## Generations of Faith: Faith Formation Teams

In GoF, we are all learners and we are all teachers. Please consider helping our planning and/or implementation of this program. Assistance is needed in curriculum design, and small and large group leadership. Training and support are provided for leaders. You may lead at your selected family session or at separate session.

All volunteers who have access to children must submit a Massachusetts CORI form (yearly) and attend our parish VIRTUS program, "Protecting God's Children" once. Please register, if needed, for one of the courses listed below. CORI forms are available in our parish office Monday – Friday from 9 – 4. Bring your driver's license.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Virtus Session: \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday, 9/15 @ 10:00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday, 9/16 @ 7:00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Thursday, 9/17 @ 7:00

Circle preferred session to volunteer:    **Wed. PM**    **Sat. PM**    **Sun noon**    **Sun. PM**

### K – 4 Primary Level--Coordinator: Cindy Harrington

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. **Curriculum Design Team**

Meets once a month to discuss lessons and activities for children and parents in the Primary session. The team will also assist in the preparation of supplies, materials, and displays.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. **Teaching**                      \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade level**

Small group facilitators needed for each age group: K, Grades 1/2, and Grades 3/4. All leaders attend a monthly training session.

### 5 – 8 Intermediate Level--Coordinator: Barbara Dane

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. **Curriculum Design Team**

Meets once a month to discuss and prepare prayer, learning, service, and community building activities for children in Grades 5 - 8.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. **Wednesday Evening Grade 5/6 Teacher**

Meets once a month with Barbara to prepare activities for Grade 5/6 breakout sessions.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. **Classroom Assistants**

No training needed. Just a willingness to come to sessions and pitch in where needed.

### 9 – 12 Senior Level--Tony Carbrello

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. **Adult Discussion Leaders**

Each session will need several adults to run discussions and help students with activities.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Adult and Youth Leader forms for GOF, Confirmation and Youth Ministry are available online at [www.seoh.org](http://www.seoh.org).



## **Generations of Faith**

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## **Come Share the Light**

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First Reconciliation and Eucharist  
Confirmation

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact or visit us!

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