Family Faith Enrichment Opportunities ’14-’15

Students participating in Family Faith Enrichment must earn 4 credits. Family Program student can also use these events to make up for a missed meeting. These credits may be earned through special events that are designed to build community spirit, renew enthusiasm, delight the senses, help everyone feel closer to God, and educate all participants. Students participating in weekly Faith Formation are most welcome, but are not required, to participate in these events. Parents must report student’s attendance at these events via this online form - http://tinyurl.com/FamilyFaith To register for any of these events (unless else wise noted), contact Kathy at kmasters@stsjohnandpaul.org.

Bingo at Vincentian Home – Saturdays, 3/21, 4/18 from 2:00-3:30pm (1 Credit) – Families are needed to help the elderly ladies and gentlemen of Vincentian Home play bingo. We bring big smiles, bright eyes and helpful hands along with wonderful prizes to make our bingos a special event for all players. Contact Kathy by the Wednesday before the bingo to register.

Living Stations of the Cross – 3/22 @ 6:30 PM, 3/23 @ 4:30 PM, 3/24 @ 6:30 PM, 3/25 @ 4:30 PM, 3/27@ 7:30 PM in the church (1/2 credit- this must be combined with another activity/event as it will only last about 35 minutes, the additional event/activity does not have to happen in the same day. Families may wish to attend “traditional Stations” on 3/13 or 3/20 @ 7:30 PM and then attend the Living Stations the following week. This “combination” of Stations will be worth 1 credit. – Middle School Students act out the Passion of Christ in the church. This is a very powerful prayer experience for the entire family. All are welcome. No registration necessary.

Saturday, March 28 – Bowling at Little Sisters of the Poor 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM – (2 Credits) Help is needed with Bingo with the residents of Little Sisters of the Poor. Saturday, To register or for more information, please contact Brenda Byrne, Outreach Coordinator 724-935-2104 x299 or bbyrne@stsjohnandpaul.org.

Saturday, April 18 – Bowling at Little Sisters of the Poor 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM – (2 Credits) Help is needed with Bowling with the residents of Little Sisters of the Poor. To register or for more information, please contact Brenda Byrne, Outreach Coordinator 724-935-2104 x299 or bbyrne@stsjohnandpaul.org

Sunday, April 19 – Shepherd’s Heart Dinner (Downtown) 3:30 PM – 8:30 PM (3 credits) – Help is needed preparing and serving a meal to approximately 150-220 homeless and hungry veterans. To register or for more information, please contact Brenda Byrne, Outreach Coordinator 724-935-2104 x299 or bbyrne@stsjohnandpaul.org.

Saturday, May 2 – Northside Common Ministries – Planting a Garden 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM – (2 Credits) To register or for more information, please contact Brenda Byrne, Outreach Coordinator 724-935-2104 x299 or bbyrne@stsjohnandpaul.org.

Bingo at Concordia Nursing Home (Wexford location near Wexford Elementary and CVS) (1 credit) Come and run the Bingo game! You can be the “Caller”, and the “Prize Patrol”. They are looking for help on any evening at 6:30 PM or a Saturday/Sunday at 9:15 AM, 2 PM, or 6:30 PM. Student must be accompanied by a parent (only 1 student/parent team needed per Bingo game). Call Concordia directly to schedule.

Angels’ Place in Brookline, Swissvale, or North Side - Please consider volunteering as a family at one of their three locations. They need help with organizing donations, gardening/weeding, cleaning/cooking,
filing/sorting. Arrange a day/time that works for your family and one of the locations above. www.angelsplacepgh.org (1 credit for every 2 hours of service)

**Attendance at a Triduum Liturgy** - Holy Thursday Liturgy at 7:00 PM, Good Friday Liturgy at 1:00 PM or Tenebrae at 7:30 PM

**Watch a Religious Movie as a Family** – Borrow a video from our Parish Library (Lower Level of the CDC) or watch a program on EWTN Catholic Network. Watch and discuss as a family. This should involve at least 90 minutes of time but does not have to occur all at once.

**Other Activities for Family Faith Enrichment Credits** - Email Kathy at kmasters@stsjohnandpaul.org to get pre-approval for service/religious activities you discover and would like to add to the list. One “credit” is equal to about two hours of service.