



# South Hills Catholics

## Parish Grouping 218

*Four parishes joined in faith, hope & love.*

## Faith Formation (Education) Programs: Youngsters

*Contacts can be reached via their associated rectory phone numbers shown.*

### **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine - CCD**

The mission of our Religious Education Programs is to deepen in our children their awareness and understanding of God's loving presence in their lives and to strengthen in them the Christian message of justice and love. Parishioners volunteer as religious educators and staff to assist parents in their roles as the primary religious educators of their children. (Toward that end, we also offer "homestudy CCD.")

Programs are based on the Diocese of Pittsburgh Religious Education Curriculum for grades 1 – 8 which are available at [diopitt.org](http://diopitt.org).

CCD classes are offered in three of our churches in on different days of the week, at different times. These offerings provide our families the flexibility to select a program that best fits their personal schedules. Once you select a particular program to attend, however, please remain in that program throughout the school year.

Below are the timing and locations for our programs. You'll also find links to registration forms.

**Mondays, 6:30 - 7:45 pm (St. Germaine)** contact: Carol Vater – 412-835-8322

**Tuesdays, 5:00 - 6:15 pm (Nativity)** contact: Jeff Conklin – 412-655-3000

**Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:45 pm (St. Valentine)** contact: Carol Vater – 412-835-8322

**Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:45 pm (St. Germaine)** contact: Jeff Conklin – 412-655-3000

Click here for downloadable [Registration Forms](#)

[CCD Calendars \(coming soon\)](#)



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### **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - CGS**

This faith formation program is for children 3 years old to kindergarten age. In the atrium, they work with and reflect upon materials that revolve around the life of Christ, liturgical colors, geography, the altar and the Eucharist, the Gospels of the birth, passion and resurrection of Jesus, Advent prophecies, the parable of the Good Shepherd, the Kingdom parables, and Baptism. You can find details about CGS at <https://www.cgsusa.org/about/>

**St. Germaine:** Tuesdays 10:00-11:30am and 1:00-2:30pm  
Sundays, 10:30 am Carol Vater (412-835-4415 or 412-551-8984)

### **"Wee Believers"**

Volunteers run a special program for young children during the Liturgy of the Word while their parents attend Sunday morning Mass. Details are at this link: <http://www.stvals.org/li>

**St. Valentine:** Sundays, 10:30 am, Lisa Thompson (412-835-4415)

## Faith Formation (Education) Programs: Adults

### **Baptism Classes**

Preparations for parents seeking to have their child baptized.

**Nativity:** Jeff Conklin (412-551-8984)  
**St. Germaine:** Mary Beth Green (412-833-0661)  
**St. Gabriel:** Carol Vater (412-551-8984)  
**St. Valentine:** Carol Vater (412-835-4415)

### **RCIA**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), is the process through which un-baptized adults or baptized adult Christians are formed in the teachings and practices of Catholicism and are then initiated into the Catholic Church. RCIA begins in early fall and includes periods of Inquiry, Catechumenate, Mystagogy and Enlightenment. It's marked by various rites (Acceptance/Welcoming, Sending/Election and the Minor Scrutinies) which usually occur at Sunday Mass. Full Initiation into the Catholic Church occurs at the Easter Vigil Mass through the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation.

**Contact:** Fr. John Skirtich (412-881-8115)