

Family Life † Respect Life Office - Archdiocese of New York

Education for Parenting Ministry

List of Parish Parenting Centers and Programs

Vocational nurturing for parents raising children in our Catholic faith is the basis of providing Education for Parenting workshops and meetings. A spiritual and faith perspective is background to the age-appropriate behavior information provided, the discipline and communication skills taught and the Catholic parenting support networks established in parishes.

Listed below are programs in parishes which offer on-going Education for Parenting throughout the academic year. Other parishes throughout the ten counties of the Archdiocese (*Staten Island, Manhattan, Bronx, Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Rockland, Orange, Ulster and Sullivan*) sporadically offer one-session Parenting workshops, conducted by guest speakers, by request from this Family Life Office. They are not listed here since the calls cannot be anticipated, only responded to, one request at a time. They are usually publicized in the host parish and sometimes announcements also appear in the church bulletins of adjacent parishes. Here there are descriptions of the on-going Education for Parenting meetings, grouped geographically, by NYC borough and then upstate county locations.

Information about the standing programs described here can change without immediate notice to the Education for Parenting Coordinator in this Office/website.

One must check with the Leaders before attending. In some parishes groups meet on several days a week, in others there is just one weekly meeting, others meet monthly. Dates, days of the week, times, and room locations which may be in the church buildings, or rectory meeting rooms or in a school room, are *all subject to change*. Please, proceed by calling the parish, inquire about how to get in touch with the Parenting Ministry Director or Leaders who can then give you correct information about meeting room locations, times, etc., and answer your questions.

\$\$\$: Fees for all programs vary from parish to parish because of different types of programs and workshops, their duration, and whether crafts are included at the daytime meetings. Leaders should be consulted to learn about the fee, which is sometimes collected at the door in daytime programs, and collected in advance for multiple session workshops, which usually take place in the evenings. If a family cannot afford the fee, it can be adjusted or alternate arrangements can be made. Lack of money need not prevent anyone from participating.

3 Boroughs, which are also Counties, within New York City: (Brooklyn/Queens are in a separate Diocese)
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Staten Island:

Holy Rosary Church (South Beach)

80 Jerome Avenue

Staten Island, NY 10305

718 727-3360

Rev. Robert Aufieri, Pastor

Leader: Veronica Lopez

Leader: Rita O'Brien

- Occasional evening workshops for parents of older children

- *Temporarily suspended* are the daytime educational sessions for parents and their infants, toddlers, preschoolers, weekday mornings in autumn, winter and spring

Our Lady Help of Christians (Tottenville)

7396 Amboy Road, Staten Island, 10307

718 317-9772

Rev. Jarlath Quinn, Pastor

Leaders: Andrea Nusser

- daytime "Parentcare"- educational sessions for parents and their infants, toddlers, preschoolers on many Friday mornings in autumn, winter and spring, 10:00 - 11:15
There is supervised playcare for children in the same room with parents, who have guest speakers, and some leader-led group discussions, on topics related to raising children.

St. Clare, (Great Kills)

110 Nelson Avenue

Staten Island, NY 10308

718 984-7873

Rev. Msgr. Joseph Murphy, Pastor

Director: Catherine Adinolfi

Co-Leader: Bernadette Zumbo

- "Parentcare," educational leader-led discussion groups for parents of infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers, on child raising topics, on Monday mornings. There is playcare for the children in the same or nearby room.
- "Parentcare" discussion groups for parents of elementary school children meets on Monday in the afternoon.
- Pre-Natal Blessing for Expectant Parents at Mass twice yearly.
- Birth Celebration for parents and children born during the year twice yearly.
- Evening workshop, *Growing with Your Pre-Teen*, three sessions in March.
- Evenings, special one-session presentations throughout the year, 7:00-8:30, with babysitting. Example of topics offered: *Stress Management, Learning to Be a Teen Again in This Day and Age, Transition to High School*
- Occasional Fathers' Nights.
- Summertime Parentcare Under the Summer Skies group meets on Wednesday evenings every July.
- Occasional inter-generational sessions
- Occasional "Moms Night Out" - movies and Dunkin Donuts afterwards

Our Lady Queen of Peace, New Dorp

90 Third Street

Staten Island, NY 10306
718 351-8589, Parenting Office number
Rev. Pancrose Kalist, Pastor

Director: Frances Giblin

- "Parentalk" - informal leader-led social/educational meetings for parents of infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers on practical topics about raising children, meets Thursday mornings. There is supervised playcare for the children in the same room.
- Preparation for Baptism meeting, in the evening, twice monthly
- Pre-Natal Blessing for Expectant Parents, at Mass, in autumn and spring
- Birth Celebration for parents of infants in autumn and spring
- Occasional one-session evening workshops for parents of older children

Manhattan:

Transfiguration (Chinatown)

29 Mott Street
New York, New York 10013
212 962-5157

Rev. Raymond J. Nobiletti, MM., Pastor

Director: Paulina Cheng-Hardatt

- Single session workshops for parents, with guest speakers, on topics related to raising children in this culture
- Occasional multiple session workshops also about raising children
- Some workshops will be offered in Mandarin Chinese

Bronx:

Our Lady of the Assumption

1634 Mahan Avenue
Bronx, NY 10461
718 824-5454

olaparentingcenter@yahoo.com

Rev. Donald M. Dwyer, Pastor

Leaders: Denise Matranga and Beatriz Perrone

- Parenting Center educational meetings are held for parents of infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers on most Monday mornings in autumn, winter and spring. Guest speakers with a combination of leader-led discussions address general topics about raising children and also faith-based issues.
- There is supervised playcare for children in a separate room.
- Occasional special programs such as outings and parties for the children, and holiday time outreach of gifts to women and babies at shelter for unwed mothers

St. Anthony

1496 Commonwealth Avenue

Bronx, NY 10460

718 931-4040

Rev. Joseph J. Kelly, Pastor

Leader: Carmen Rivera

- Leader-led discussion group meetings for parents on many Saturdays, while children are in Religious Education classes, on religious and practical child-raising topics.

St. Clare of Assisi

1918 Paulding Avenue

Bronx, NY 10462

718 863-8974

Rev. Richard M. Guarnieri, Pastor

Director: Michelle Spiniello

- *Parenting Center* educational meetings are held for parents of infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers on most Tuesday mornings in autumn, winter and spring. Guest speakers with a combination of leader-led discussions address general topics about raising Catholic children.
- There is supervised daycare for children in the same room.
- Occasional special programs such as outings and parties for the children.

Counties East of the Hudson River (going north from the city)

Westchester:

Bedford, St. Patrick

State Road

Bedford, NY 10506

914 234-3668

Rev. Msgr. George P. Thompson, Pastor

Director: Kathleen Collins

- "*Parenting Center*" - educational sessions for parents and their infants, toddlers, preschoolers, Wednesday mornings in autumn, winter and spring
There is play for the children, parents have leader-led group discussions on topics related to raising children, occasional guest speakers.

Bronxville, St. Joseph

15 Cedar Street

Bronxville, NY 10708

914 337-1660

Rev. Msgr. James F. Doyle, Pastor

Leaders: Beth Severino and Kellie Carroll

- "*Parentcare*" - educational group sessions for parents and their infants, toddlers, preschoolers, Tuesdays mornings in autumn, winter and spring
There is supervised playcare for the children in the same room, parents have guest speakers on child raising topics

Dobbs Ferry, Sacred Heart

18 Bellewood Avenue

Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522

914 693-0119

Rev. Timothy J. Scannell, Pastor

Director: Sr. Connie Koch, O.P.

Leaders: Suzanne Crew and Fran Rosillo

- "*Parenting Center*" - educational sessions for parents and their infants, toddlers, preschoolers, Wednesday mornings in autumn, winter and spring
There is supervised playcare for the children in the same room, parents have leader-led group discussions on topics related to raising children, occasional guest speakers.

Larchmont - dual parish Education for Parenting Ministry

St. Augustine

18 Cherry Street

Larchmont, NY 10538

914 834-1220

Rev. Msgr. Thomas R. Kelly, P.D., Pastor

Sts. John and Paul

280 Weaver Street

Larchmont, NY 10538

914 834-5458

Rev. Brian E. McWeeney, M.S., D. Min. (Prin), Pastor

Leaders: Margaret Beretta Paganini and PattiAnn Cunningham

- Occasional *Catholic Family Network* workshops with guest speakers addressing topics related to raising Catholic children, some in the mornings and some in evenings

Mount Vernon, St. Mary

23 S. High Street

Mount Vernon, NY 12550

914 664-5855

Rev. John T. Meehan, Pastor

Leaders: Maria Kespert and Cara Gallagher

- *"Parenting Center"* - educational sessions for parents and their infants, toddlers, preschoolers, Wednesday mornings in autumn, winter and spring
There is supervised playcare for the children in adjacent room, parents have leader-led group discussions on child raising topics or guest speakers.

Rye, Resurrection

910 Boston Post Road

Rye, NY 10580

914 925-2754, Parenting Center telephone number

parentingcenter@att.net

Rev. Msgr. Patrick J. Boyle, Pastor

Director: Ellen Schiavone

- groups for parents of infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers, on child raising topics, weekly, on a few different mornings. There is play area for the children in the same or nearby room.
- Special Pre-Natal Blessing for Expectant Parents at Mass, yearly
- Occasional programs for parents of elementary school children and teenagers

Scarsdale, Our Lady of Fatima

5 Strathmore Road

Scarsdale, NY 10583

Rev. Msgr. Hugh F. McManus, Ph.D., Pastor

914 723-7421

Director: Irene Kollar

- *"Parenting Center"* - There are educational sessions for parents and their infants, toddlers, preschoolers, one group on Wednesday morning and another in the afternoons in during autumn, winter and spring. There is supervised playcare for the children in same room, parents have guest speakers on child raising topics.

Shrub Oak, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1377 East Main Street

Shrub Oak, NY 10588

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Sandi, Pastor

914 528-3547

Leaders: Susan DiSisto, Elizabeth Merriam

- *"Parenting Center"* - educational sessions for parents and their infants, toddlers, preschoolers, Friday mornings in autumn, winter and spring, in the Holland Room of the school. There is supervised playcare for the children in the same room, parents have leader-led group discussions on topics related to raising children.

Tuckahoe, Immaculate Conception

53 Winterhill Road
Tuckahoe, NY 10707

914 961-3643

Rev. Eric P. Raaser, Pastor

Leader: Christine Rogliano

- *"Parenting Center"* - educational sessions for parents and their infants, toddlers, preschoolers, Friday mornings in autumn, winter and spring

Yorktown Heights, St. Patrick

137 Moseman Road
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

914 962-5050

Rev. Joseph F. Bisignano, Pastor

Director: Eileen Murphy

Group Leaders: Melanie Darensod, Pat Sommer

- *"Parentcare"* weekly leader-led group discussions on child raising topics, in the mornings on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays in autumn, winter and spring, with supervised playcare in same room
- Occasional Common Sense Parenting, six session evening workshops for parents of school age children, teaching discipline skills
- Occasional single-session evening workshops for parents of teenagers
- Occasional evening sessions for parents of elementary school children
- Pre-Natal Blessing for Expectant Parents at Mass, twice yearly

Putnam:

Carmel, St. James the Apostle

16 Gleneida Avenue
Carmel, NY 10512

845 225-2079

Rev. Anthony D. Sorgie, Pastor

Leaders: Dorothy Esposito, Mary Knolker, Monica Marsich, Stephanie Nix

Program operates at Chapel of Our Lady of the Lake

- daytime *"Parentcare"* - educational sessions for parents and their infants, toddlers, preschoolers, Thursday mornings in autumn, winter and spring
There is supervised playcare for the children, parents have leader-led group discussions on topics related to raising children, occasional guest speakers.

Mahopac, St. John the Evangelist

225 East Lake Boulevard

Mahopac, NY 10541

845 628-2006

Rev. Brian C. Brennan, Pastor

Director: Juliette Doyle

- daytime "Parentcare" - educational sessions for parents and their infants, toddlers, preschoolers, Tuesdays at 9:45am, in autumn, winter and spring. There is supervised playcare for the children in the same room, parents have leader-led group discussions on topics related to raising children, occasional guest speakers.
- Special Pre-Natal Blessing of Expectant Parents, at Mass, May and October

Dutchess:

LaGrangeville - Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

1810 Route 82

LaGrangeville, NY 12540

845 227-1710

Rev. Msgr. Desmond O'Connor, Pastor

Leader: Donna Lankard

- Informal group discussions about general topics for parents of infants, toddlers and preschoolers on Monday mornings in autumn, winter and spring
- Supervised playcare available for the children.

Hopewell Junction - St. Denis

P.O. Box 10

Hopewell Junction, NY 12533

845 227-8382

Rev. William B. Cosgrove, Pastor

Director: Karen Lynch

- *'Moms & Tots & Pops'* educational leader-led discussion groups for parents of infants, toddlers and preschoolers, on topics related to raising children, on Friday mornings. There is playcare for the children in the same room.
- *Monthly support group meetings for parents of children with special needs, on first Thursday of the month, in the evening*
Babysitting can be available with advance notice from parents.
- Pre-Natal Blessing for Expectant Parents, at Mass, twice yearly
- Birth Celebration yearly

Fishkill - St. Mary, Mother of the Church,

P.O. Box L

103 Jackson Street (deliveries only, not mail)

Fishkill, NY 12524

845 896-6400

Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Martin, Pastor

Director: **E. Catherine Cwiakala, MSW**

- Daytime educational session, *Moms and Toddlers* for mothers with 10 months olds to two years, consisting of leader led group discussions on topics related to raising children from a Catholic faith perspective are held on Mondays, from 9:30-10:30, during autumn, winter and spring.
- *Active Parenting*, six session workshops for parents of 2 -12 year olds take place on Tuesdays from 12:00-2:30 and from 7:00-9:30, introductory session October 11, '05.
- *Active Parenting of Teens*, six session workshops for parents of adolescents on Wednesdays at 12:00 and again @ 7:00pm, introductory session October 12, '05.
- *Rainbows for All God's Children* a peer support bereavement program for children who have experienced the *death* of a parent meets on Mondays from 5:30-6:30, and for children who have experienced the *divorce* of parents meet from 7-8pm.
- *Prism* program for the parents of the children participating in Rainbows meets at the same time the children meet.
- *Play Therapy for children.*

Counties West of the Hudson River (going north from NYC)

Rockland:

Blauvelt - St. Catharine of Alexandria

523 Western Highway

Blauvelt, NY 10913

845 359-0542

Rev. Emmett Nevin, Pastor

Leaders: **Mary Driscoll**

- *Parenting Center* educational meetings are held for parents of infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers on most Thursday mornings in autumn, winter and spring. Guest speakers with a combination of leader-led discussions address general topics about raising Catholic children.
- There is supervised playcare for children in same room.
- Occasional special programs such as outings and parties for the children.

Garnerville - St. Gregory Barbarigo

21 Cinder Road

Garnerville, NY 10923

845 947-1873

Rev. Thomas Kreiser, Pastor

Director: Maureen Potenza

- *Parentcare* - educational meetings are held for parents of infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers on most Tuesday mornings in autumn, winter and spring. Guest speakers with a combination of leader-led discussions address general topics about raising Catholic children.
- There is supervised playcare for children in same room.
- Occasional special programs such as outings and parties for the children.

Haverstraw - St. Peter

115 Broadway

Haverstraw, NY 10927

845 429-2196

Rev. Thomas Madden, Pastor

Director: Matilda Lopez

- **Common Sense Parenting** - a six session workshop for parents of children from 5 through 16 runs yearly, in Spanish. It will be available in English also later in 2009.

New City - St. Augustine

140 Maple Avenue

New City, NY 10956

845 634-3641

Rev. Msgr. William J. Foley, Pastor

Leaders: Maria Pedersen

- *Parenting Center* educational meetings are held for parents of infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers on most Tuesday mornings in autumn, winter and spring. Guest speakers with a combination of leader-led discussions address general topics about raising Catholic children.
- There is supervised playcare for children in same room.
- Occasional special programs such as outings and parties for the children.

West Nyack - St. Francis of Assisi

128 Parrott Road

West Nyack, NY 10994

845 634-4957

Rev. Edward J. Weber, Pastor

Leader: Maria Pedersen

- *Parenting Center* educational meetings are held for parents of infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers on most Friday mornings in autumn, winter and spring. Guest speakers with a combination of leader-led discussions address general topics about raising Catholic children.
- There is supervised playcare for children in same room.
- Occasional special programs such as outings and parties for the children.

Pearl River - St. Margaret of Antioch

33 N. Magnolia Street

Pearl River, NY 10965

845 735-4746

Rev. Msgr. John J. O'Keefe, Pastor

Leaders: AnnMarie McGovern, Diane Fallon

- *Parenting Center* educational meetings are held for parents of infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers on most Wednesday mornings in autumn, winter and spring. Guest speakers or parenting leaders address general topics about raising Catholic children.
- There is supervised playcare for children in same room.
- Occasional special programs such as outings and parties for the children.

Orange:

Harriman - St. Anastasia

21 N. Main Street

Harriman, NY 10926

845 783-3571

Rev. Joseph F. Reynolds, Pastor

Leaders: Julia Gliatta, Marge Vitanza

- *Parenting Center* educational meetings are held for parents of infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers on most Wednesday mornings in autumn, winter and spring. Guest speakers address general topics about raising Catholic children.
- There is supervised playcare for children in adjoining room.
- Occasional special programs such as outings and parties for the children.

Middletown - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

90 Euclid Avenue

Middletown, NY 10940

845 343-4121

Rev. Francis Dixon, O. Carm., Pastor

Director: Kimberly O'Brien

- *Parenting Center* educational meetings are held for parents of infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers on most Thursday mornings in autumn, winter and spring. Leader-led discussions and occasional guest speakers address general topics about raising Catholic children.
- There is supervised daycare for children in same room.
- Occasional special programs such as outings and parties for the children.

Middletown - St. Joseph

149 Cottage Street
Middletown, NY 10940

845 343-6013

Rev. Msgr. George Valastro, Pastor

Director: Kimberly O'Brien

- *Parenting Center* educational meetings are held for parents of infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers on most Monday mornings in autumn, winter and spring. Leader-led discussions and occasional guest speakers address general topics about raising Catholic children.
- There is supervised daycare for children in same room.
- Occasional special programs such as outings and parties for the children.

South Centerville - Holy Cross

626 County Route 22
Middletown, NY 10940

845 355-4439

Rev. Robert Porpora, Pastor

Director: Nancy Mazany

- *Parenting Center* educational meetings are held for parents of infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers on most Wednesday mornings in autumn, winter and spring. Guest speakers with a combination of leader-led discussions address general topics about raising Catholic children.
- There is supervised daycare for children in adjoining room.

Ulster:

New Paltz - St. Joseph

34 South Chestnut Street
New Paltz, NY 12561
845 255-5635

Rev. Maurice Moreau, OFM Cap.

Director: Maria Fullam

- daytime "Parentcare" - educational sessions for parents and their infants, toddlers, preschoolers, Wednesdays at 10:00am, in autumn, winter and spring. There is supervised daycare for the children in an adjoining room, parents have leader-led group discussions on topics related to raising children, occasional guest speakers.
- Special Pre-Natal Blessing of Expectant Parents, at Mass, yearly

Sullivan:

Program Coordinator: Virginia Brown, CSW 845 726-4196

Catechetical Regional Office: Sr. Kevin John Shields, O.P., Regional Director

- Uniquely, Sullivan County, in the Catskill Mountains, has a situation in which various Catholic parishes and also public schools are host sites for two multiple-session parenting workshops entitled: Growing with Your Pre-Teen, and Growing with Your Teen. Funded by the Sullivan County Youth Bureau and administered by the Sullivan County Cares Coalition these programs operate in conjunction with the Archdiocesan Catechetical Regional Office. There are 8 or 10 sites, which change each year. These workshops take place in the evening.
- Growing with Your Pre-Teen involves parents and their 5th and 6th grade children.
- Growing with Your Teen involves parents and their 7th and 8th graders.