



OUR MISSION

God's Family 1 is a diocesan supported program that began 15 years ago. It was created to serve families who have members with special needs. It provides a welcoming, faith filled community. This program received the 2012 National Conference for Catechetical Leaders New Wineskins Award and the 2009 Edward Shaughnessy III Inclusion Award. This program is held on the first Saturday of the month at St. Philip the Apostle parish in Cheektowaga from 12 to 2:30pm. Contact Elaine at 553-2618 or Mitzi at 668-0080

God's Family 2 will utilize the original program's format. We are eager to provide access to families in the South Towns. Our hope is to provide opportunities for all to grow in their faith and in community. The program offers support to parents and siblings.

What people have said about God's Family

We love the day. Everyone is made to feel welcomed and valued. We are so impressed with the loving care and attention to detail that is evident in every one of our meetings.

I have had more meaningful conversations with my son about God and the Church than I have had with adults. I feel like my prayers were answered when we found this program. God Bless all of God's Family.

We look forward very much to our gatherings; they review for us in a very vivid way the essence of Christianity.

We enjoy the lasting friendships we have made with Christ as the center of our prayer.

**Sponsored by:
Saint Bernadette Parish
Faith Formation**

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God's Family 2

**Faith Formation
Supporting
Persons with
Disabilities
and their Families**



**Saint Bernadette Parish
Parish Ministry Center
5930 South Abbott Road
Orchard Park, NY 14127**

**Gatherings are once a
month on
Saturday from
9:30 to 11:30 am**



All are welcome.



When we are baptized, we are initiated into the family of God. God created us and is present in each of us. This program was created to welcome people of all abilities to learn and grow in their faith. We welcome all kinds of families— single people, one or two parent families, foster families and group home families. We welcome all age people. We welcome people where they are at. Our door is open for you to become part of this program and part of our parish family at Saint Bernadette. We will provide preparation to receive Sacraments as needed. People from other parishes are welcome to attend.

A God's Family 2 Session



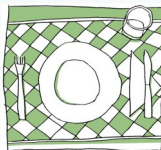
MASS

Mass is held each Saturday morning at 9am. We welcome families with members who can benefit from a small, shorter, music free celebration. We do have a sensory room in the church.



GATHERING

We welcome one another, sign greeting cards, write down our prayer petitions and work on a craft or group project



MEAL

We engage in conversation and build community as we share a light breakfast. Gluten free options available. Food chopper available.



SHARE OUR FAITH

We learn about the Catholic faith together in interactive ways to keep all engaged.



PRAYER TIME

We process to our prayer space, sing a song, listen to or act out scripture, offer prayers, recite the Lord's Prayer, offer a sign of peace and sing again.

2019-2020 Gatherings

Come every month or as you can.
Christ is Alive Throughout the Year

October 26th
Welcome and
The Liturgical Year



November 23rd
Advent

December 21st
Christmas



December 26th 7m
Inclusive Mass



January 25th
The Lord's Baptism

February 29th
Lent



March 28th
Holy Week

April 15th 7pm
Inclusive Mass

April 18
Easter Season



May 16th
Pentecost

June 27th
Ordinary Time



July 11th Picnic St Gregory, Williamsville
August Picnic Saint Bernadette