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Happy New Year! May your 2019 be filled with many blessings. May your eyes be open to seeing them and your heart be grateful for receiving them.

This is the time of year when we get a fresh start. (Now and every time we go to confession!) We make resolutions to become better people: to be healthier, to gain financial stability, to get organized, to simplify, to (re)commit to your marriage, children, and family, or to reprioritize your commitments. I, too, tend to take this opportunity to pledge myself to new beginnings. Just as we pray each Mass in the Confiteor, “and to you my brothers and sisters,…” I share this in hopes that you will hold me accountable, but also pray for and support me in regards to my work here at the parish. I resolve to the following things:

* To continue to try to develop relationships with all those whom God brings across my path.
* To continue my own learning to better understand our faith.
* To devote more time and effort towards my personal prayer life.
* To help parishioners identify their gifts and provide opportunities where they can share them.
* To recognize and accept that quality is better than quantity, especially in regards to measuring my success in helping people on their faith journey.

I still encourage every one of you to come to Faith Formation classes. I honestly believe there is so much for everyone to learn, myself included! But I acknowledge that the timing (date and time, as well as where you are in life) may not lend itself to your schedule, that your priorities and mine could be different, or that being a part of a group experience isn’t your preferred learning style. Just know that I will do my best in working with those who do attend and will pray that I realize how to support anyone else who would like my help.

Faith Formation classes resume this Sunday, January 6th. We will begin our study of the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist is both the source and summit of the Christian life. Come discover why we believe and how we know that Jesus is truly present in communion. Learn about the graces we receive when we partake in Communion. Find out how those graces draw us closer to God, to become better people, and to lessen our inclinations toward sin. We meet in Fellowship Hall at 4 pm. Bring the whole family. We have something for everyone!

 Blessings,

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This Week:

* Sunday, Jan. 6, 4-6 pm at Fellowship Hall: Faith Formation classes for the whole family. Please bring your **A Family of Faith** books if you have them.
* Monday, Jan. 7, 7 pm at Fellowship Hall: Adult Enrichment Class