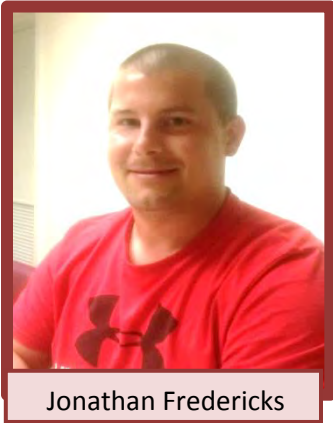


What is the RCIA Experience?



Jonathan Fredericks

**First Eucharist & Confirmation
May 31, 2015**

Beginning the RCIA I did not know what to expect. I had gone to Sunday school as a child in the Presbyterian Church but did not practice regularly. I felt it was important for me to be able to assist my wife in giving our children a strong faith foundation. Before the RCIA I had a lot of questions about God, the Bible, etc.. The RCIA process has deepened my faith and helped me to see many things in a different way. I enjoyed our weekly classes and group discussions. Together each of us grew in our faith. There was a real sense of community among us. Sometimes it was difficult juggling my job and responsibilities at home, but it was well worth the effort. I'm very thankful the RCIA is there for people like me to teach, discuss, and grow my relationship with Jesus, which is a lifelong process.



Jeff Zuidema

**First Eucharist & Confirmation
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I enjoyed my participation in the RCIA Process. As we met each Tuesday evening I felt more and more comfortable with the RCIA Team and really appreciated the sharing that took place each week. We were always encouraged to ask questions and share our thoughts. Each week a different topic was discussed including the Creed, Mass, the seven sacraments, Bible, Christian morality etc..

When I was young I belonged to the Methodist Church yet did not practice regularly. My wife Amy was a Catholic and our children were baptized Catholic and later attended Blessed Edmund Pre-school in Cherry Hill. My wife, Amy, and I wanted to be able to assist our children in learning about the faith. Now we feel like we can.



Amy Zuidema

Confirmed: May 20, 2015

I was baptized Catholic as a child, and did not receive the Eucharist until I was College age. After college and as a parent I wanted to learn more about the Catholic Faith for myself and to help my children. I also wanted to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. My husband Jeff and I attended the classes together. It was not always easy because we needed to get a babysitter each week. I always felt a certain peace when attending the classes. Being able to study and share about things that really matter to you is a good feeling. I knew we were doing something positive for our marriage and our children. It was a very positive and fulfilling experience.

Call Sister Ann at the Parish Office for more information
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