



Why We Believe

“Why We Believe” is an adult spiritual formation series featuring different courses that are offered at St. John Catholic Parish in between the 8:45 and 11 a.m. Sunday Masses. These short courses focus on a topical theme and are sequenced to build on each other in a logical order, beginning with *“Why We Believe in God.”* Following are the dates and times for the first set of courses in 2011/2012.

Course

Dates @ SJ Church approx. 10 a.m.

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| 1. Why We Believe in God: New Proofs and Old Reasoning | October 16 & 30; November 13 & 20 |
| 2. Why We Believe in Sacred Scripture | January 15 & 22 |
| 3. Why We Believe in the God-Man; Christ Jesus | February 26; March 4, 11 & 18 |
| 4. Why We Believe in Sacred Tradition
and the Authority of the Church | April 22 and 29 |

“Why We Believe” is being coordinated by Deacon Vince Bernardin in response to the growing need and demand for more adult spiritual formation. In a recent Parish Survey, 59% of respondents indicated they would be interested in adult formation classes here at St. John. Furthermore, they indicated that they would be most likely to attend functions after the Mass they attend. Many faiths offer Sunday “bible studies” and courses in addition to Sunday services, and have found this to be the best time for formation.

This series of courses begins in October 2011 and continues through April 2012, with breaks in between for Lent and Advent. Based on the demand for more courses, St. John Parish could continue in May with the next set of series, such as *“Why We Believe in Absolute Truth”*, *“Why we Believe in the Eucharist”*, *“Why we Pray to Mary”*, etc. While it would be beneficial to attend all classes, please feel free to attend any and all that you can!

“Why We Believe” is age-appropriate for Junior High and up. Younger children are welcome if parents feel they are able to grasp the materials. Babysitting will be provided in the Nursery for parents who wish to use it. These courses are open to all parishioners; however, everyone is free to invite friends and family from outside the parish if they desire.

If you do need babysitting, please complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office so we can plan appropriate supervision. If you have questions, call Deacon Vince at 490-1000 or vberardin@sjbnewburgh.org – or visit www.sjbnewburgh.org and click on the *Why we Believe* tab.

Do you think you know a lot about your faith? Come to *Why We Believe* and find out more!

Why We Believe Babysitting Sign-Up

Yes! We would like to enroll our child(ren) for babysitting during the “Why We Believe” Series.

Family Name: _____

Child(ren) Names: _____

Child(ren) Ages: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____