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Dear Parishioners,

We hope this email finds you safe and well during this uncertain and challenging time. GIFT – Growing in Faith Together – is our Saint Raphael Parish faith formation/religious education program for people of all ages – families with children and teens as well as couples and single adults of all ages. This year's GIFT theme will be "Living the Moral Life," focusing on how we can live the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes fully in our lives.

Jesus said, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you (Matthew 28:19-20)." As followers of Jesus, we are all called to teach and live our faith. Parents are the primary and most important teachers of the faith for their children. Through the GIFT program, we can all learn more so we can fulfill this important responsibility.

For 2020/2021, you will see we are modifying the GIFT program to comply with COVID-19 related health and safety guidelines from the Archdiocese of Hartford, CDC, DPH, and State of CT, e.g., no communal meal or gathering in large groups, safe distancing, face masks/coverings. Details regarding the GIFT program, including these program changes, are outlined on the enclosed information sheet and registration form.

For planning purposes, please return the GIFT registration form and registration fee for your household by September 28, 2020. Please contact Maria Tomasetti (atomasetti@snet.net or 203-988-8598 – cell phone - voice or text) with any questions. If the \$75 per household registration fee is a hardship for your family in any way, please contact Maria to discuss payment arrangements. We do require completion of the GIFT registration form every year.

Peace, health, grace and blessings,

Maria Tomasetti
GIFT Faith Formation Program Coordinator