## Meet Kathy Esack, Nativity's Religion Teacher!

Mrs. Esack started teaching religion at Nativity School during the 2014-2015 school year. Prior to that, she led the faith formation program as the Catechetical Leader at St. John the Baptist Church in Alden, NY. She had been substitute teaching at her home public school, and surrounding Cathoic schools for many years, while taking graduate level theology courses at Christ the King Seminary.

Kathleen didn't find her passion for teaching and sharing the Good News of the Gospel with children until her own children were learning about the faith through her home parish. She was working as an attorney and as the Alden Town Justice, but was experiencing conflicts of her heart to raise her four children, take care of her extended family, and praise and honor God.

"Being the religion teacher at Nativity School has been the joy of my life. The families and the school staff are all missionaries in their own right, spreading the message of Jesus in how they interact with others and live their lives. It is a privilege to be part of this amazing community."

I have taught in the Diocese of Buffalo for over 30 years. I have been at Nativity since the fall of 2017. Nativity is a wonderful school community. Students are courteous and respectful and want to learn. Parents are very supportive of the school staff. The faculty, staff, and administrators work with each other to make Nativity a great place to learn and work. For enjoyment I like to read, do crossword puzzles but most of all, go on hikes along Cazenovia Creek with my Golden Retriever, Buddy, and my grand pup, Lucy.

I received my Bachelor's degree in education from SUNY Geneseo and my Master's degree from the University of Buffalo. I have also taken graduate courses in science education at Niagara University.

I am originally from Long Island but have spent most of my adult life as a resident of West Seneca.

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